Preferences for Redistribution in Cyprus
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Abstract
This paper investigates the determinants of the preferences of redistribution in Cyprus using two complementary surveys the European Social Survey and the World Values Survey. The importance of this study stems from the implications of the recent economic crisis on the size of the redistributive government and the rising income inequality. Our findings suggest that current income and perceptions about fairness play a major role in determining the preferences for redistribution in Cyprus.

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