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When the overall economic pie is not growing, then how it is shared out becomes more important. In short, there is a demand for answers to questions such as: What is actually happening to welfare? Do the income statistics used to chart trends really give us the full picture about people's economic fortunes? Is the experience of one's own country better or worse than other countries? How does a person's well-being relate to the household in which they live; more fundamentally, how do households produce welfare? This book, a collection of new empirical and theoretical papers by a distinguished set of international authors, aims to answer these questions. Comparisons of poverty, income inequality, and income capacity across countries in Europe and North America are the basis of part I. Part II introduces subjective (non-monetary) approaches to the assessment of personal economic welfare. In part III new results about the measurement of inequality and poverty are derived. Part IV explores topics examining interactions between personal welfare and the resources derived from one's household, the labor market, and from the government through the tax and benefit system. The book reflects the interests of, and is a memorial to, the late Aldi Hagenars, eminent analyst of the distribution of wealth and household production, who died tragically young.

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