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The Roles of Gender and Education in the Intrahousehold Allocation of Remittances of Filipino Migrant Workers

by

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Abstract:

This paper shows that heterogeneity in the intrahousehold allocation of remittances sent by temporary international migrant workers exists among households in the Philippines, and may be attributable to the absence of the spouse, suggesting moral hazard, and to the gender and educational attainment of the household head, indicating differences in preferences. GLM estimates and post estimation tests reveal that male heads spend more on alcohol and tobacco, that the presence of a female decision-maker in a household increases allocations to goods that improve the welfare of the children, and that household heads with less formal education allocate more to education.

About the speaker:

Marjorie Pajaron is an Assistant Professor at the School of Economics, UP Diliman. She served as the school's Public Affairs Office director in 2014. Prior to her appointment, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow during the 2012–13 academic year at Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center. She also served as a lecturer at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Department of Economics where she also received her PhD in economics. She took part for five years in the National Transfer Accounts project based in Honolulu. Her research focuses on the role of migrant remittances as a risk-coping mechanism, as well as the importance of bargaining power in the intra-household allocation of remittances in the Philippines.



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