



Motivations to Remit: Evidence from the Philippines

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Abstract:

Using previously unexamined merged household and migrant data set from the Philippines, this paper provides new evidence on motivations to remit. Unlike the previous literature, the remittance behavior of different types of migrants is analyzed. Estimation results show that male migrants remit less when there are more migrants in the household, which is consistent with the altruistic motive. However, female migrants remit more when there are more children in the origin households, which is consistent with the exchange and altruistic motive to remit. A sole male migrant remits more than a male migrant with other migrants in the same household when there are more children in the origin household.

About the speaker:

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