

**Start Date**

December 05, 2022

**End Date**

December 06, 2022



**New Directions in Anti-Poverty Research Conference**

December 5 & 6, 2022, 8:30AM - 5:30PM GMT

**Dagupan Theatre** at Trinity Business School

Innovations for Poverty Action, the Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit, the Gender Innovation Lab at the World Bank, and Concern Worldwide are pleased to invite you to a two-day conference on the latest findings in research on multifaceted anti-poverty programs.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**8:45AM - 10:45AM**

**Panel A: New Directions**

Conference Opening | [Michael Giddy](#) (Poh Aid, Director General) **8:45-9:00**

"The Impact of a Graduation Program on Livelihoods in Refugee and Host Communities in Uganda." Presented by [Dean Karlan](#) (Northwestern University) **9:00-9:35**

"Graduation Gender Targeting and Transformative Couples Training: Evidence from Malawi." Presented by [Michael King](#) (Trinity College Dublin) **9:35-10:10**

"Pathways out of Extreme Poverty: Tackling Psychological and Capital Constraints with a Multi-faceted Social Protection Program in the Sahel." Presented by [Patrick Pratsini](#) (World Bank) **10:10-10:45**

**10:45AM - 11:15AM**

**Break**

**11:15AM - 1:00PM**

**Panel B: Mental Wellbeing**

"Mental Health Therapy as a Core Strategy for Increasing Human Capital: Evidence from Ghana." Presented by [Dean Karlan](#) (Northwestern University) **11:15-11:50**

"Personal initiative or interpersonal initiative? Psychosocial mechanisms and women's economic inclusion in Niger." Presented by [Sumit Boroojy](#) (World Bank) **11:50-12:25**

"Improving Women's Mental Health during a Pandemic." Presented by [Michael Hossain](#) (University of Southampton) **12:25-1:00**

**1:00PM - 2:00PM**

**Lunch Break**

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## **Presentations**

### **Monday, December 5, 2022**

#### **Panel A: New Directions**

01. The Impact of a Graduation Program on Livelihoods in Refugee and Host Communities in Uganda

Dean Karlan

02. Graduation Gender Targeting and Transformative Couples Training: Evidence from Malawi

Michael King

03. Pathways out of Extreme Poverty: Tackling Psychosocial and Capital Constraints with a Multi-faceted Social Protection Program in the Sahel

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#### **Panel B: Mental Wellbeing**

04. Mental Health Therapy as a Core Strategy for Increasing Human Capital: Evidence from Ghana

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05. Personal initiative or interpersonal initiative: Psychosocial mechanisms and women's economic inclusion in Niger

Thomas Bossuroy

06. Improving Women's Mental Health during a Pandemic

Michael Vlassopoulos

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## Panel C: Gender

07. Supporting Women's Livelihoods at Scale: Evidence from a Nationwide Multi-Faceted Program

Gareth Roberts

08. Couples Training for Gender Empowerment: Using Mixed Methods to Understand Graduation's Impact on Empowerment and Well-Being Outcomes

Tara Bedi

09. Multifaceted Programs Targeting Women in Fragile Settings: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo

Manuela Angelucci

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## Round Table: Gender and Economic Inclusion and Innovation

10. Roundtable Presentation: Gender, Economic Inclusion, and Innovation

Michael O'Sullivan

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**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

## Panel D: Household Risk and Resilience

11. Ultra-poor graduation and environmental shocks: Evidence from the 2019 Malawian floods

Tara Bedi

12. Adaptation to Climate Change in Pakistan: Impacts on Disaster Preparedness and Resilience

Alexandra Avdeenko

13. Anticipatory cash transfers in climate disaster response

Ashley Pople

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## **Panel E: Environmental Outcomes and Anti-Poverty Projects**

14. Conditional cash transfers to alleviate poverty also reduced deforestation in Indonesia  
Rhita Simorangkir

15. Environmental effects of development programs: Experimental evidence from West African dryland forests  
Simon Heß

16. Can Reminders of Rules Induce Compliance: Experimental Evidence from a Common Pool Resource Setting  
Sabrina Eisenbarth

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## **Round Table: Climate**

17. Climate Change and Economic Inclusion  
Colin Andrew

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