New Directions in Anti-Poverty Research Conference

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

Dargan 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 Gaffey (Irish 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 Psychosocial and Capital Constraints with a Multi-faceted Social Protection Program in the Sahel." Presented by Patrick Premand (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 Thomas Bossuroy (World Bank) 11.50-12.25

"Improving Women's Mental Health during a Pandemic." Presented by Michael Vlassopoulos (University of Southampton) 12.25-1.00

1:00PM – 2:00PM  Lunch Break
2:00PM - 3:45PM  
**Panel C: Gender**

"Supporting Women's Livelihoods at Scale: Evidence from a Nationwide Multi-Faceted Program." **Presented by Gareth Roberts** (University of Witwatersrand) **2.00-2.35**

"Couple's Training for Gender Empowerment? Using Mixed Methods to Understand Graduation's Impact on Empowerment and Well-Being Outcomes." **Presented by Tara Bedi** (Trinity College Dublin) **2.35-3.10**

"Multifaceted Programs Targeting Women in Fragile Settings Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo." **Presented by Manuela Angelucci** (University of Austin Texas) **3.10-3.45**


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3:45PM - 4:00PM  
**Break**

4:00PM - 5:30PM  
**Round Table: Gender and Economic Inclusion and Innovation**

Presentation: **Michael O'Sullivan** (Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank) **4.00-4.15**

Discussion with **Sumana Hussain** (Gates Foundation), **Connell Foley** (Concern Ireland) and **Sabreen Alikhan** (Women for Women International)

Chair: **Stefano Paternostro** (World Bank)

Q&A

5:30PM - 6:30PM  
**Break**

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TIME Annual Lecture

*Presented by Dean Karlan (Northwestern University)*

6:30-8:00PM
9:00AM – 10.45AM  Panel D: Household Risk and Resilience

Opening | David Regan (Concern Worldwide, CEO) 8.45-9.00

“Ultra-poor graduation and environmental shocks: Evidence from the 2019 Malawian floods.” Presented by Tara Bedi (Trinity College Dublin) 9.00 - 9.35

“Adaptation to Climate Change in Pakistan: Impacts on Disaster Preparedness and Resilience.” Presented by Alexandra Aydeenko (World Bank) 9:35-10:10

‘Anticipatory cash transfers in climate disaster response.” Presented by Ashley Pople (University of Oxford) 10.10 - 10:45

10.45AM - 11.15AM  Break

11:15AM – 12:55PM  Panel E: Environmental Outcomes and Anti-Poverty Projects

“Conditional cash transfers to alleviate poverty also reduced deforestation in Indonesia.” Presented by Rhita Simorangkir (The Nature Conservancy) 11.10 - 11.45

“Environmental effects of development programs: Experimental evidence from West African dryland forests.” Presented by Simon Heß (University of Vienna) 11.45 - 12.20


1:00PM – 2:15PM  Lunch Break
2:15PM - 3:45PM  **Round Table: Climate**

“Climate Change and Economic Inclusion.”  *Presented by Colin Andrews* (The World Bank) 2.15-2.30

“Environment, Gender and Anti-poverty Projects.”  *Presented by Julia Valliant* (The World Bank) 2.30-2.45

Discussion with Colin Andrews (World Bank), Julia Valliant (World Bank), Celeste Brubaker (Village Enterprise) and Chris Pain (Concern Worldwide)

Chair: Sinead Walsh (Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland)

Q&A

3:45PM – 4:00PM  **Conference Closing | Michael King** (Trinity College Dublin)
Participants

*(in order of appearance)*

Michael King (Trinity College Dublin)
Michael Gaffey (Irish Aid)
Dean Karlan (Northwestern University)
Patrick Premand (World Bank)
Gharad T. Bryan (London School of Economics)
Thomas Bossuroy (World Bank)
Michael Vlassopulos (University of Southampton)
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