



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**

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

TIME Annual Lecture

Presented by *Dean Karlan*
(Northwestern University)

6:30-8:00PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

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 Avdeenko](#) (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

"Can Reminders of Rules Induce Compliance? Experimental Evidence from a Common Pool Resource Setting." Presented by [Sabrina Eisenbarth](#) (University of Exeter) 12.20 - 12.55

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)

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