



Panel Discussion: Linkages between Health, Education and Human Development

Speaker:

Achin Chakraborty, Professor of Economics, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, Indraneel Dasgupta, Professor of Economics, Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Kolkata and Akash Acharya, Faculty at Centre for Social Studies, Surat

Date / Time:

August 9, 2012 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Venue:

Activity Room, 1st Floor, Pixel B, APU

Abstract:

Achin Chakraborty is Professor of Economics, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata. His research interests include welfare economics, development economics, human development, and health economics.

He will speak on the issue of the public-private mix in education and health, and resource allocation priorities. While enrolment in private schools all over the country is increasing rapidly, the analytical and policy significance of this is not properly reflected in the allocation priorities of the state sponsored programmes that tend to focus on the supply side. The relative importance of the private vis-a-vis the public generally varies widely from state to state and the private supply itself varies widely in terms of quality and price. Can we draw some generalisable lessons from this diversity? How can one relate this to the normative exercise of resource allocation priorities?

Indraneel Dasgupta, is Professor of Economics, Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Kolkata. His research interests include microeconomic theory, development economics, and political economy.

He will speak about how macro-processes of public provision of health and education can be mediated by intra-household mechanisms of resource allocation. Some of the issues he will cover are - Why should the state provide public transfers of health and/or education goods, rather than cash, to households? When would such in-kind transfers improve health or educational outcomes more than equivalent cash transfers? Why should such transfers be targeted to specific sub-sections inside the household (e.g. women, children or the elderly)?

How can in-kind transfers of health and/or educational goods be better targeted inside the household?

Akash Acharya is Faculty at Centre for Social Studies, Surat. His research interests include development studies, health and population policy, and health in development.

He will talk about both linkages between health and development/livelihoods as well as health and education. The relationship amongst health, education and human development is bidirectional, and while some of the links are well known, there are others that are not so well known and can be worked upon in policy. The talk will focus on the pathways that originate from health (as input) and affect education and development, as also the reverse links. It will be informed by theoretical literature as well as empirically grounded in policy analysis.

A Note on the Speaker:

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