ECONOMICS STUDY GROUP SEMINAR

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Shall present

“The causal impact of women's age at marriage on domestic violence in India”

Abstract

We examine the causal effect of women's age at marriage on prevalence of domestic violence using newly available nationally representative household data from India. We employ an empirical strategy that utilizes variation in age at menarche to obtain exogenous variation in women's age at marriage. We find robust evidence that a one-year delay in women's marriage causes a significant decline in physical violence, although it has no impact on sexual or emotional violence. Further, we show that the effect of women's marital age on physical violence arises independent of women's educational attainment, which indicates that direct age-related behavioral attributes (e.g. emotional maturity, bargaining power, etc.), and not education, are probably driving the observed relationship between women's marital age and physical violence. Overall, our findings bolster the relevance of policies that seek to delay marriages of women in reducing the prevalence of domestic violence in developing countries.

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Time: - 12.15 PM

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus

All are welcome to attend

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