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HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

SYLLABUS  
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PPHA 35240: EDUCATION, INEQUALITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Fridays, 1:30 pm – 4:20 pm

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*If you sign up and later find that you are no longer able to make that time or no longer need the appointment, please be sure to remove your name.*

This course covers policy issues related to education and inequality in developing contexts. We will analyze education policies and reforms, develop skills to be a critical consumer of relevant research on each topic, and examine implications of the findings to policy and practice. Class content will include and incorporate discussion and lenses related to discrimination and inclusion in education, understanding factors that influence educational decisions, provision of basic needs in schools, teacher pay and incentives, educational responses to economic and social shocks, student behavior, and curricula. Students will develop skills understanding and interpreting academic papers. This syllabus is subject to change.

**Prerequisites:** We will draw upon tools of program evaluation, econometrics, and microeconomic theory. Students lacking these prerequisites are responsible for learning the relevant material.

**Relationship to Other Programs:** This course fulfills part of the following UChicago Harris School Certificates/Specializations: Education Policy, International Policy and Development, Social and Economic Inequality, & Gender and Policy.

**Readings and Guest Speakers**

*Readings.* Many of the issues discussed in the course would benefit from the perspective of multiple disciplines. However, much of the emerging causal evidence on education in developing countries comes from the field of development economics, and therefore, the reading list of the course is composed mainly

of studies that use economic tools to analyze educational issues. These articles can be found through the University of Chicago library system or through the course reserves link on Canvas. Useful resources in understanding some of the methods used in the readings include: *Mostly Harmless Econometrics* by Angrist and Pischke or *Methods Matter: Improving Causal Inference in Educational and Social Science Research* by Murnane and Willett. Students may also find useful: *Running Randomized Evaluations* by Glennerster and Takavarasha and *Failing in the Field* by Karlan and Appel. These are on reserve at Regenstein Library.

*Guest speakers.* Guest speakers will sometimes join us at the beginning of class, typically via videoconference but possibly in person. They will often request that students prepare materials in addition to the readings listed for the course, which will also be announced ahead of time. The schedule may change as we go, and the instructor will announce adjustments accordingly. Speakers spend their valuable time to visit the class whether in person or virtually, so it is very important that students remain engaged during their visits.

### **Requirements, Assignments, and Grading**

Grades will be based on regular attendance and active class participation including submission of weekly reading responses (40%), and a final project consisting of project ideas, a first draft, a peer review, a presentation, and a final paper (60%).

*Deadlines are as follows (all deadlines are 11am unless otherwise noted):*

- Student survey (online link on Canvas): Please fill out by January 9.
- Reading responses: Due by 11am on Canvas the day before class (Thursday) (minimum 4 classes). ChatGPT exercise: Due with first reading response submission.
- Final project: 1 individual project idea due January 14; form a group and inform TA by January 17; submit 2-3 project ideas by January 24; group meets with TA by January 29; first draft of project by February 17; individual contribution statement by February 17; peer review by February 24; oral presentation slides on March 6 (5 pm); presentation on March 7; written paper due March 11, individual contribution statement due March 11.

### ***Class Participation, including Attendance and Reading Responses (40%)***

Active engagement and reflection are essential requirements for this course. Students are expected to contribute substantively to class discussions. The quality of participation is just as important as the quantity. Class participation is an important component of learning. Do not be afraid to speak up as others may have the same questions as you. Class participation grades will be based on questions and comments students pose in class and on the weekly discussion questions, in addition to questions posted on Piazza for the weekly speaker. Disengagement from the class will count against the participation component of your grade. Students must also be on time for class, especially when we have a guest speaker; otherwise, it may count against one's grade.

*Reading responses.* For a minimum of four weeks during the term, students are expected to create and submit an engaging, technically accurate "social media post" based on at least one of the starred (\*) week's readings. Your post must be submitted by 11 am on the day before class (Thursday) on Canvas. The first reading response must be completed by *Thursday, 01/23*. If a student submits reading responses for more than four of the class sessions, only the highest four grades will be counted. Students should plan ahead to ensure that they complete this in time.

Your task is to translate the key ideas and findings from the reading into an engaging social media post. The post must cover the following five points:

1. The main idea of the paper, including one or two precise findings that you think are meaningful,
2. Important limitations of the paper,

3. Something from the text that was unclear or that you did not fully understand,
4. Something you learned from the paper and its implications for policy or practice,
5. A research question that the week's topic or readings inspired you to ask.

You may choose one of the following platforms/formats:

*Twitter Thread:*

- Start with an attention-grabbing tweet summarizing the main idea of the paper.
- Use additional tweets to highlight the five points listed above in the prompt.
- Example: <https://x.com/lakrasil/status/1451265001071669264>

*Instagram Reel, YouTube Short, TikTok*

- Create a video (up to 3 minutes) explaining the five points listed in the prompt.
- Example of recording yourself: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/oMEju0AkK7M>
- Note: You may use the caption to provide additional context or technical details. If you are uncomfortable with recording yourself on a phone or camera, you can even do voice-overs while displaying the text about your prompt in the video.
- Example of voice-over: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/NhEKtuqQi7Y>

*Instagram Carousel*

- Design a carousel (multi-image post) or text post that covers the five points from the prompt
- Example: [https://www.instagram.com/p/DD90X\\_ztjQZ/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DD90X_ztjQZ/?img_index=1)

You may record videos on your phone or your laptop, and you may use PowerPoint, Canvas or any other software to produce pdfs that mimic the social media posts described above. You should not create an actual post. Remember when describing limitations that you can be constructive while also being kind. Tone matters in communication.

*ChatGPT.* For the first reading response, after coming up with one's own response, students should enter the prompt into ChatGPT, include the output, and compare/contrast their response with the output from ChatGPT. In this, students should point out and discuss departures from their own response rather than only objectively noting output that is correct or incorrect.

*Attendance.* Attendance is required and considered as part of the participation grade. Students must arrive on time to class. If a student needs to miss a class, they should email the TA *before* missing the class. If students miss a class session, this will count against their class participation. We do not accommodate course shopping. Students must attend the first day of class.

***Final Project (60%)***

One of our goals is to cultivate critical consumership of research evidence. For the final project, students will work in self-selected groups to design an ambitious and realistic research project that uses quantitative methods that can help determine the causal impact of a policy or program. The specific topic is open-ended but must be related to education and include investigation into dimensions of inequality, allowing students to explore a question that is most suited to their interests. Students *do not* need to conduct the research itself. The final product will comprise a research proposal which includes the design of the research project. This will be done in groups comprising two or three people.

The final project will be comprised of a few components:

- Each student will individually write one one-page project idea (due January 14, 11am)
- Form a group of 2-3 people and inform TA (due January 17, 11am)
- 2-3 one-page project ideas from the group (due January 24, 11 am)

- Group meets with TA to finalize project idea for final (by January 29)
- First draft of your group's final project (due February 17, 11am)
- Individual contribution statement for work through the first draft (due February 17, 11am)
- Individual peer review of first draft (due February 24, 11am)
- An oral group presentation (slides uploaded on Canvas by March 6, 5pm)
- In-class presentation (March 7)
- A jointly-authored, 12-15-page document (page limit does not include references) (due March 11, 11am)
- Individual contribution statement for the overall final project (due March 11, 11am)

*Topic Ideas.* Each individual will submit a one-page idea for their final research proposal the first week of class. Then the student groups will submit a minimum of two to three ideas from the group (a minimum of one idea for each group member) for their final projects (one page each). These ideas can draw upon the individually submitted ideas from the first week of class. It is useful to practice generating different viable ideas. This helps develop creativity and helps one deepen their thoughts around how to address an issue. We encourage groups to brainstorm ideas individually and in their groups to come to consensus around interests. Student groups will meet with the instructional staff to discuss their ideas. The ideas will address the following briefly:

- What's the bigger issue you want to address? What's the specific research question/part of the issue you wish to address?
- What is the conceptual framework/theory of change? Help structure the reader's thinking as to how this will expand our understanding of how the world works beyond existing literature or how we can understand people's motivations, citing related academic literature.
- For which context, for which population?
- What is the research design of the project? Which data would be used and how would it be collected? What empirical methodology would be brought to bear (it can be experimental or quasi-experimental)? Again, no data actually need to be collected, but it must be realistic that these data could be obtained.
- How will you interpret your results? What is learned if there are positive impacts, negative impacts, or null effects?
- What are potential limitations or threats to validity to this project?
- What will we learn from this project? What will remain to be understood?

*First Draft.* You will complete a comprehensive first draft of your project. Your classmates will need this for peer review, so be sure to complete it on time. Only one copy of this needs to be uploaded to Canvas. Each draft will be assessed by a rubric that will be made available. Each individual student should separately submit an "individual contribution statement," which is a note about the contributions of each of the group members (including themselves) for each component of the final project.

*Peer Review.* Each group member will be assigned to individually and anonymously peer review another group's project. These should provide comprehensive feedback which both provides bigger picture perspectives (what is the contribution of this project, what are the strengths and areas for improvement, are there any gaps in the logic or project, helping the group see the forest from the trees, checking that enough information is included such that all parts of the project make sense and are easily understood such as pointing out where things need to be clearer or more concrete, where they need to link point A to point B, whether they need to include a better rationale for their idea, etc.) in addition to more detailed feedback about specific ways they can improve the project and copyediting. This will be anonymous. It is important that the feedback is constructive and kind.

*Final Class Presentation.* Students will present their projects to their classmates in the final class session. The presentation should be directed at a specific audience (e.g. a funder). Students should practice ahead

of time and ensure that each group member has equal presentation time. At the end of each presentation, there will be an opportunity for the rest of the class to ask questions. All assertions on slides should be cited using APA format. Students will also provide feedback to their peers on their presentations during the presentations. The final set of slides and a bibliography in APA format should be uploaded to Canvas the day before (Thursday) at 5pm.

*Final Project.* One group member should submit the final jointly authored research proposal to Canvas. Each individual student should separately submit an “individual contribution statement,” which is a note about the contributions of each of the group members (including themselves) for each component of the final project.

Students should consider the following when crafting their projects and presentations:

- Do you think that this project could help in solving the larger issue? Is this an interesting and promising idea?
- What is the quality of the project and analysis?
- What role does evidence play in supporting the different components?
- How well is the information communicated?
- If you were the target audience member (e.g. funder), would you support this project? Why or why not? What more would you need or want to know?

Assignments should be typed and submitted using a font size of 11 point Times New Roman (or equivalent) with 1-inch margins and 1½-inch spacing. APA format should be used in citations.

Papers will not be accepted past the deadline. Students should work on their projects continually throughout the term and allow for the possibility of unforeseen circumstances. If you need accommodations, please see the instructors at the start of the quarter.

***Optional: Observe the moon.*** As an optional activity, students can observe the moon and record their observations individually and/or on Canvas.

**Course Readings and Schedule** (*subject to change – please check Canvas for updates*)

**Required readings denoted with an asterisk (\*).** Other readings (without an asterisk) are listed for students who wish to explore a topic further. Classes are held in-person. We will have optional additional class sessions throughout the quarter to make up for holidays and changes in the academic calendar.

**WHY EDUCATION? (JANUARY 10)**

\*This syllabus (read it before the first class session)

\*Duflo, E. (2001). Schooling and labor market consequences of school construction in Indonesia: evidence from an unusual policy experiment. *American Economic Review*, 91(4), 795-813.

Psacharopoulos, G. (1984). The contribution of education to economic growth: international comparisons.

Becker, G. S. (1962). Investment in human capital: A theoretical analysis. *The Journal of Political Economy*, 70(5), 9-49.

Ashraf, N., Bau, N., Nunn, N., & Voena, A. (2020). Bride price and female education. *Journal of Political Economy*, 128(2), 591-641.

Duflo, E., Dupas, P., & Kremer, M. (2021). The impact of free secondary education: Experimental evidence from Ghana. National Bureau of Economic Research WP w28937.

Duflo, E., Dupas, P., Spelke, E., & Walsh, M. (2022). *Intergenerational impacts of secondary education: Experimental evidence from Ghana*. Working Paper.

Card, D. (1999). The causal effect of education on earnings. In O. Ashenfelter and D. Card, eds., *Handbook of Labor Economics*, 3A. Elsevier.

Heckman, J. J., Humphries, J. E., & Veramendi, G. (2018). The nonmarket benefits of education and ability. *Journal of Human Capital*, 12(2), 282-304.

### **DISCRIMINATION AND INCLUSION IN EDUCATION (JANUARY 17)**

(Read three of the starred readings)

\*Hanna, R. & Linden, L. (2012). Discrimination in grading. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(4): 146-68.

\*Rao, G. (2019). Familiarity does not breed contempt: Diversity, discrimination, and generosity in Delhi schools. *American Economic Review*.

\*Adukia, A., Eble, A., Harrison, E., Runesha, H.B., & Szasz, T. (2023). What we teach about race and gender: Representation in images and text of children's books. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Francis, D. V., De Oliveira, A. C., & Dimmitt, C. (2019). Do school counselors exhibit bias in recommending students for advanced coursework?. *The BE Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 19(4), 20180189.

Steele, C. M., & Aronson, J. (1995). Stereotype threat and the intellectual test performance of African Americans. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 69(5), 797.

Francis, D. V. (2012). Sugar and spice and everything nice? Teacher perceptions of Black girls in the classroom. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, 39(3), 311-320.

Hoff, K. & Pandey, P. (2004). Belief systems and durable inequalities: An experimental investigation of Indian caste (Vol. 3351). *World Bank Publications*. [sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/bpde2004/hoff.pdf](https://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/bpde2004/hoff.pdf)

Behrman, J. (1997). Intrahousehold distribution and the family. In: Mark R. Rosenzweig and Oded Stark, editors, *Handbook of Population and Family Economics*, Elsevier, 1(A)125-187.

Margo, R. (2007). Race and Schooling in the South, 1880-1950: An Economic History. *Chicago: University of Chicago Press*. <https://doi.org/10.7208/9780226505015>

Bertrand, M., Hanna, R., & Mullainathan, S. (2010). Affirmative action in education: evidence from engineering college admissions in India. *Journal of Public Economics*. 94, 16-29.

### **DEMAND-SIDE CONSIDERATIONS: ROLE OF BASIC NEEDS, INCENTIVES, COSTS (JANUARY 24)**

\*Miguel, E. & Kremer, M. (2004). Worms: identifying impacts on education and health in the presence of treatment externalities. *Econometrica*. 72(1), 159-217.

- \*Adukia, A. (2017). Sanitation and education. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.
- \*Schultz, P. (2004). School subsidies for the poor: evaluating the Mexican Progresa poverty program. *Journal of Development Economics*. 74(1): 199-250.
- Evans, D. K., & Popova, A. (2016). What really works to improve learning in developing countries? An analysis of divergent findings in systematic reviews. *World Bank Research Observer*. 31(2): 242-270. Database of education studies with learning, attendance, enrollment outcomes: [sites.google.com/site/davidkevans/other-resources/database-of-education-studies?authuser=0](https://sites.google.com/site/davidkevans/other-resources/database-of-education-studies?authuser=0)
- Kazianga, H., Levy, D., Linden, L. L., & Sloan, M. (2013). The effects of ‘girl-friendly’ schools: evidence from the BRIGHT school construction program in Burkina Faso. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5(3), 41-62.
- Bleakley, H. (2007). Disease and development: evidence from hookworm eradication in the American South. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 122(1), 73-117.
- Glewwe, P. & Kremer, M. (2006). Schools, teachers, and education outcomes in developing countries. *Handbook of the Economics of Education*, 2, 945-1017.
- Evans, D., Kremer, M., & Ngatia, M. (2009). The impact of distributing school uniforms on children's education in Kenya. Unpublished manuscript. Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab.
- Kremer, M., Miguel, E. & Thornton, R. (2009). Incentives to learn. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. 91(3): 437-456
- Rawlings, L. & Rubio, G. (2005). Evaluating the impact of conditional cash transfer programs. *World Bank Research Observer*, 20(1): 30-55.
- Vermeersch, C. & Kremer, M. (2004). School meals, educational achievement and school competition: evidence from a randomized evaluation. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*. No. 3523.
- Banerjee, A. Cole, S., Duflo, E. & Linden, L. (2007). Remedying education: evidence from two randomized experiments in India. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(3): 1235-1264.
- Banerjee, A., Banerji, R., Berry, J., Duflo, E., Kannan, H., Mukerji, S., Shotland, M., & Walton, M. (2017). From proof of concept to scalable policies: Challenges and solutions, with an application. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 31(4), 73-102.
- Glewwe, P., Kremer, M., & Moulin, S. (2009). Many children left behind? Textbooks and test scores in Kenya. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 1(1), 112-135.
- Glewwe, P., Kremer, M., Moulin, S., & Zitzewitz, E. (2004). Retrospective vs. prospective analyses of school inputs: The case of flip charts in Kenya. *Journal of Development Economics*, 74(1), 251-268.
- Malamud, O., & Pop-Eleches, C. (2011). Home computer use and the development of human capital. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126(2), 987-1027.



Das, J., Dercon, S., Habyarimana, J., Krishnan, P., Muralidharan, K., & Sundararaman, V. (2013). School inputs, household substitution, and test scores. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5(2), 29-57.

**EDUCATION IN EMERGENCY SETTINGS: CRISIS AND CONFLICT (JANUARY 31)**

*Guest Speaker: Kenneth Russell*

\*Blattman, C. & Annan, J. (2010). The consequences of child soldiering. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 92(4), 882-898.

\*Moscoviz, L., & Evans, D. K. (2022). Learning loss and student dropouts during the COVID-19 pandemic: A review of the evidence two years after schools shut down. *Center for Global Development, Working Paper*, 609.

Crawford, L., Evans, D., Hares, S., & Sandefur, J. (Sept. 2021). Teaching and testing by phone in a pandemic. [cgdev.org/publication/teaching-and-testing-phone-pandemic](https://cgdev.org/publication/teaching-and-testing-phone-pandemic)

Shepherd, D. & Mohohlwane, N. (2021). The impact of COVID-19 in education – more than a year of disruption. NIDS-CRAM Wave 5 Working Paper. [cramsurvey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/11.-Shepherd-D.-Mohohlwane-N.-2021.-Changes-in-education-A-reflection-on-COVID-19-effects-over-a-year.pdf](https://cramsurvey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/11.-Shepherd-D.-Mohohlwane-N.-2021.-Changes-in-education-A-reflection-on-COVID-19-effects-over-a-year.pdf)

Asanov, I., Flores, F., McKenzie, D., Mensmann, M., & Schulte, M. (Feb. 2021). Remote-learning, time-use, and mental health of Ecuadorian high-school students during the COVID-19 quarantine. *World Development*, 138, 105225.

Cas, A., Frankenberg, E., Suriastini, W., & Thomas, D. (2013). The impact of parental death on child well-being: Evidence from the Indian Ocean Tsunami, *NBER Working Paper 19357*.

Student achievement growth during the COVID-19 pandemic. [gpl.gsu.edu/publications/student-achievement-growth-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/](https://gpl.gsu.edu/publications/student-achievement-growth-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/)

Learning losses due to COVID19 could add up to \$10 trillion. [blogs.worldbank.org/education/learning-losses-due-covid19-could-add-10-trillion](https://blogs.worldbank.org/education/learning-losses-due-covid19-could-add-10-trillion)

Gladstone, R. (2014, December 8). UNICEF calls 2014 one of worst years on record for world's children. *New York Times*. [nytimes.com/2014/12/09/world/unicef-calls-2014-one-of-worst-years-on-record-for-worlds-children.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/09/world/unicef-calls-2014-one-of-worst-years-on-record-for-worlds-children.html)

Akresh, R. (2008). *Armed conflict and schooling: Evidence from the 1994 Rwandan genocide* (Vol. 3516). World Bank Publications.

Frankenberg, E., Sikoki, B., Sumantri, C., Suriastini, W., & Thomas, D. (2013). Education, vulnerability, and resilience after a natural disaster. *Ecology and Society*, 18(2): 16.

Dryden-Peterson, S. & Mundy, K. E. (2011). Educating children in zones of conflict: an overview and introduction. In *Educating Children in Conflict Zones: Research, Policy, and Practice for Systemic Change: A Tribute to Jackie Kirk*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Imberman, S. A., Kugler, A. D., & Sacerdote, B. I. (2012). Katrina's children: Evidence on the structure of peer effects from Hurricane Evacuees. *American Economic Review*, 102(5), 2048-2082.



Burde, D., Kapit-Spitalny, A., Wahl, R., & Guven, O. (2011). Education and conflict mitigation: What the aid workers say. USAID, Education Quality Improvement Program 1.

**SUPPLY-SIDE CONSIDERATIONS: TEACHERS (FEBRUARY 7)**

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Christina Collins, Director of Research and Policy, United Federation of Teachers*

\*Muralidharan, K. & Sundararaman, V. (2011). Teacher performance pay: Experimental evidence from India. *Journal of Political Economy*, 119(1), 39-77.

\*Duflo, E., Hanna, R., & Ryan, S. (2012). Incentives work: Getting teachers to come to school. *The American Economic Review*, 102(4), 1241-1278.

Glewwe, P., Ilias, N., & Kremer, M. (2010). Teacher incentives. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2(3), 205-227

Chaudhury, N., Hammer, J., Kremer, M., Muralidharan, K., & Rogers, F. H. (2006). Missing in action: Teacher and health worker absence in developing countries. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 20(1): 91-116.

Duflo, E., Dupas, P., & Kremer, M. (2015). School governance, teacher incentives, and pupil–teacher ratios: Experimental evidence from Kenyan primary schools. *Journal of Public Economics*, 123, 92-110.

Thompson, O. 2019. School desegregation and Black teacher employment. NBER Working Paper. 25990.

**CURRICULA (FEBRUARY 14)**

\*Cantoni, D., Chen, Y., Yang, D. Y., Yuchtman, N., & Zhang, Y. J. (2017). Curriculum and ideology. *Journal of Political Economy*, 125(2), 338-392.

\*Arold, B. W. (2024). Evolution vs. creationism in the classroom: The lasting effects of science education. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, qjae019.

\*Adukia, A. & Harrison, E. (2024). Separation of church and state curricula? Examining public and religious private school textbooks. *Working Paper*.

Crawford, L., Saintis-Miller, C., & Todd, R. (2024). Sexist textbooks: Automated analysis of gender bias in 1,255 books from 34 countries. *PloS One*, 19(10), e0310366.

Stevenson, B., & Zlotnick, H. (2018, May). Representations of men and women in introductory economics textbooks. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings*. 108, 180-185.

Lucy, L., Demszky, D., Bromley, P., & Jurafsky, D. (2020). Content analysis of textbooks via natural language processing: Findings on gender, race, and ethnicity in Texas US history textbooks. *AERA Open*, 6(3).

Dee, T.S. & Penner, E.. The causal effects of cultural relevance: Evidence from an ethnic studies curriculum,” *American Educational Research Journal*, 54(1), 2017, 127-166.

**EDUCATION RESPONSES TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHOCKS (FEBRUARY 21)**

*Guest Speaker: Jesse Ruiz, former Deputy Governor for Education in the Office of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and former CEO of Chicago Public Schools*

- \*Atkin, D. (2016). Endogenous skill acquisition and export manufacturing in Mexico. *American Economic Review*. 106(8), 2046-2085.
- \*Buchmann, N., Field, E., Glennerster, R., Nazneen, S., Pimkina, S., & Sen, I. (2018). Power vs money: Alternative approaches to reducing child marriage in Bangladesh, a randomized control trial.
- \*Adukia, A., Asher, S., & Novosad, P. (2020). Educational investment responses to economic opportunity: Evidence from Indian road construction. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.
- Jensen, R. (2012). Do labor market opportunities affect young women's work and family decisions? Experimental evidence from India. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 127 (2), 753-792.
- Shah, M., & Steinberg, B. M. (2017). Drought of opportunities: Contemporaneous and long term impacts of rainfall shocks on human capital. *Journal of Political Economy*. 125(2), 527-561
- Adukia, A. (2022). Spillover impacts on education from employment guarantees. *Education Finance and Policy*.
- Shastry, G. K. (2012). Human capital response to globalization: Education and information technology in India. *Journal of Human Resources*. 47(2), 287-330.

### **VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS (FEBRUARY 28)**

*Guest Speakers: Susannah Hares, LEGO Foundation and Gabriela Smarrelli, Center for Global Development*

- \*Baago-Rasmussen, L., Hares, S., Naker, D., Smarrelli, G., and Wu, D. (2024). Violence in Schools: Prevalence, Impact, and Interventions. Center for Global Development Brief. <https://www.cgdev.org/sites/default/files/violence-in-schools.pdf>
- \*Barr, A.L., Knight, L., França-Junior, I., Allen, E., Naker, D., & Devries, K.M. (Feb. 23, 2017). Methods to increase reporting of childhood sexual abuse in surveys: The sensitivity and specificity of face-to-face interviews versus a sealed envelope method in Ugandan primary school children. *BMC Int Health Hum Rights*. 17(1):4.
- Crawford, L. and Hares, S. (2020). There's a Global School Sexual Violence Crisis and We Don't Know Enough About It. *CGD blog post*. <https://www.cgdev.org/blog/theres-global-school-sexual-violence-crisis-and-we-dont-know-enough-about-it>
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### **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS OF PROJECTS (MARCH 7)**

**University Resources Available to Students.** The University offers a set of student support services (described [here](#)), including [student health services](#). In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated disruptions, the University has provided links for students via its “Learning Remotely” [website](#); specific resources are listed [here](#). Specifically, we wish to remind you about available counseling services in particular: If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, remote counseling services are available. Student Counseling Service (SCS) urges you to attend to your mental wellbeing and to reach out to them for support during these challenging times. All SCS services are covered by the Student Life Fee, and there is no additional cost for students to access their services. See <https://wellness.uchicago.edu/mental-health/student-counseling-service-spring-quarter-faq/>. Students seeking new services/resources can call 773.702.9800 during business hours (Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) and ask to speak with a clinician. Students needing urgent mental health care can speak with clinicians over the phone 24/7 by calling the SCS at 773.702.3625. Similarly, the Harris School itself provides both academic and non-academic support services for students. These resources are described on [this page of the Harris website](#).

**Disability Accommodations.** The University’s policies regarding students with disabilities are available [here](#). The University of Chicago is committed to ensuring equitable access to our academic programs and services. Students with disabilities who have been approved for the use of academic accommodations by Student Disability Services (SDS) and need a reasonable accommodation(s) to participate fully in this course must follow the [procedures established by the Harris School of Public Policy](#).

Timely notifications are required to ensure that your accommodations can be implemented. If you require accommodations for this course, please inform Professor Adukia and your TA at the beginning of the quarter so we can discuss how your accommodations may be implemented in the course. Currently registered students are asked to notify the Harris Student Disability Liaison, Eman Alsamara ([ealsamara@uchicago.edu](mailto:ealsamara@uchicago.edu)) of their access requests by the end of the first week of the quarter. The Harris Student Disability Liaison will work with the student and instructor to coordinate the implementation of student accommodations. Harris students are not required to submit their accommodations letter to the instructor. Students who are facing extenuating circumstances at any point during the quarter should reach out to their Academic Advisor in the Dean of Students Office for support. If you feel you need accommodations on an ongoing basis, contact Student Disability Services. To contact SDS: [disabilities.uchicago.edu](https://disabilities.uchicago.edu), (773) 702-6000, [disabilities@uchicago.edu](mailto:disabilities@uchicago.edu).

**Diversity and Inclusion.** The Harris School welcomes, values, and respects students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, and we believe that rigorous inquiry and effective public policy problem-solving requires the expression and understanding of diverse viewpoints, experiences, and traditions. The University and the Harris School have developed distinct but overlapping principles and guidelines to ensure that we remain a place where difficult issues are discussed with kindness and respect for all.

The University's policies are available [here](#). Specifically, the University identifies the freedom of expression as being “vital to our shared goal of the pursuit of knowledge, as is the right of all members of the community to explore new ideas and learn from one another. To preserve an environment of spirited and open debate, we should all have the opportunity to contribute to intellectual exchanges and participate fully in the life of the University.”

The Harris School's commitments to lively, principled, and respectful engagement are available [here](#): “The Harris School of Public Policy welcomes and respects students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives as part of our commitment to building an inclusive community. *Fostering an environment that encourages rigorous inquiry and effective public policy problem-solving requires the involvement and understanding of diverse viewpoints, experiences, and traditions.* As a leading public policy school, Harris holds diversity as a core value. That includes not only diversity of opinion, but diversity along a broad spectrum of factors, including race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability status, religion, socio-economic background, and social or political belief. Recognizing the value of diversity and inclusion is essential to combating discrimination, addressing disparities, and cultivating ethical and clear-eyed policy leadership.”

**Academic Integrity.** All University of Chicago students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Among other things, this means that students shall not represent another's work as their own, use un-allowed materials during exams, or otherwise gain unfair academic advantage. Please read The University of Chicago policy on plagiarism, presented in the Student Manual. If you have any questions about how to properly attribute sources, please contact the teaching staff. The University's policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty are described [here](#). The University's approach is: “It is contrary to justice, academic integrity, and to the spirit of intellectual inquiry to submit another's statements or ideas as one's own work. To do so is plagiarism or cheating, offenses punishable under the University's disciplinary system. Because these offenses undercut the distinctive moral and intellectual character of the University, we take them very seriously.” The Harris School's student policies are available on the [policies page of our website](#). The *Academic Honesty and Plagiarism* section expresses the main principles.