

Propositions

Attached to the thesis

Essays on Intra-Household Resource Allocation and Women's Bargaining Power in Rural Ethiopia

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1. Contrary to household bargaining theory, the factors that affect women's power depend on the context at hand. This thesis.
2. The importance of a woman's bargaining power on her welfare depends not only on the origins of this power but also on the welfare outcomes considered. This thesis.
3. The general statement that participation in paid work results in woman's empowerment usually ignores the circumstance that leads a woman to participate in this work in the first place. In fact, lower bargaining power can lead to more participation. This thesis.
4. Policy makers that use women's empowerment to improve children's welfare should be cautious as the link between the two may not always be positive. This thesis.
5. Since universal targets like MDGs are broadly defined, they often fail to take into account context specific realities. This thesis.
6. Efforts to enhance gender equality should integrate men in the process of change.
7. To make research more relevant, methodological pluralism should be promoted.
8. The lack of governments' clear vision and commitment for change is the main factor behind Africa's development problems.
9. It is true that individuals are selfish but their actions are not always motivated by their self-interest.
10. If you want development aid to work, stop giving it to corrupt governments.
11. Religion is politics but God is great.