Can Microfinance become a Tool for Ending Extreme Poverty - Evidence from Nepal

Jeffrey Ashe

In 2018 Jeffrey Ashe led a study in Nepal that found those who were destitute when they joined savings and lending groups nine years earlier have since thrived. The question is why: Was it because of who they were, compared to others who did not join? The support of their groups? Their link with a financial institution? Improving local conditions? The study underscores the importance of understanding the local context in measuring impact.

The Importance of Foreign Labor on Women’s Empowerment in Nepal

Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar

Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar will present her research on the impacts of foreign labor migration of men (and their absence in the household) on women’s participation in community groups in Nepal. Her study highlights the importance of social context and gender norms in understanding the process of women’s empowerment.

Bring your lunch and join us: Tuesday, March 26 | 12:00-1:00
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