

## **GENDER AND POVERTY IN LATIN AMERICA**

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- 1) **Main objective of the session:** To review two of the main debates in poverty analysis, with respect to Latin America: whether there is trend towards the feminization of poverty, and whether female-headed households tend to be poorer than male-headed households.
- 2) **Brief description or outline of subtopics that will be discussed in each lecture slot:**
  - Types of poverty
  - Is there a trend towards the feminization of poverty?
  - Do female-headed household tend to be poorer than male-headed households?
  - Challenges for research
- 3) **Learning objectives:**

At the end of the session, students are expected to appreciate how the answers to the two main questions depend critically on the methods of analysis & data sets employed. Moreover, there is considerable heterogeneity across Latin American countries on whether the dominant trends is towards feminization, de-feminization or re-feminization, and in the poverty status of female-headed households.

- 4) **Contents or topics of the session or sessions:**
  - a. Types of poverty (income, consumption, multidimensional, time, assets)
  - b. Is there a trend towards the feminization of income/consumption poverty?
    1. Concepts, methods, data
    2. Results
  - c. Do female-headed household tend to be poorer than male-headed households?
    1. Assumptions & critique
    2. Results: Analyses based on income vs. standard of living
  - d. Challenges for research: measuring intra-household, individual-level poverty

### **5) Required Reading (1 per lecture slot)**

Bradshaw, Sarah, Sylvia Chant & Brian Linneker. 2019. "Challenges and Changes in Gendered Poverty: The Feminization, De-Feminization, and Re-Feminization of Poverty in Latin America." *Feminist Economics* 25(1): 119-144.

## 6) References (used in slide presentation)

Bradshaw, Sarah, Sylvia Chant & Brian Linneker. 2019. "Challenges and Changes in Gendered Poverty: The Feminization, De-Feminization, and Re-Feminization of Poverty in Latin America." *Feminist Economics* 25(1): 119-144.

CEPAL, *Anuario Estadístico de América Latina y el Caribe*. Santiago: CEPAL, various issues.

Chant, Sylvia. 2008. "The 'Feminization of Poverty' and the 'Feminization' of Anti-Poverty Programmes: Room for Revision." *Journal of Development Studies* 44(2):165-197.

Liu, Chia, Albert Esteve & Rocío Treviño. 2017. "Female-Headed Households and Living Conditions in Latin America." *World Development* 90: 311-328.

Medeiros, Marcelo & Joana Costa. 2008. "Is there a Feminization of Poverty in Latin America?" *World Development* 36(1): 115-127.

## 7) Supplementary Resources (including databases; average of 5-7 per session)

Benería, Lourdes, Günseli Berik y Maria S. Floro. 2018 [2016]. *Género, desarrollo y globalización. Una visión desde la economía feminista*. Barcelona: Ed. Bellaterra, cap. 6.

CEPAL, Observatorio de Igualdad de Género de A.L. y el Caribe. 2012. "Los programas de transferencia de ingresos, la protección social, la autonomía económica y el trabajo de las mujeres." *Informe Anual 2012*. Parte II. Santiago: CEPAL, pp. 49-71.

Chant, Sylvia. 2007. *Gender, Generation and Poverty: Exploring the 'Feminization of Poverty' in Africa, Asia and Latin America*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

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Jackson, Cecile. 1996. "Rescuing Gender from the Poverty Trap." *World Development* 24(3): 489-504.

Rodríguez Enríquez, Corina. 2012. "Políticas de atención a la pobreza y las desigualdades en América Latina: una revisión crítica desde la economía feminista." En Valeria Esquivel (ed.), *La Economía Feminista desde América Latina. Una hoja de ruta sobre los debates actuales en la región*. Santo Domingo: ONU Mujeres y GEM LAC, pp. 390-437.