

FEMINIST CRITIQUES AND HOUSEHOLD BARGAINING MODELS

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- 1) Main objective of the session: Students should be able to explain purpose of gender bargaining models, main types of models, main measurement methods, critiques of these, outline a research project involving household bargaining.
- 2) **Brief description or outline of subtopics that will be discussed in each lecture slot:**

Session 1: Need for BP models, types of models, general application, examples

Session 2: Measuring Household Bargaining Power: Main strategies, examples. What have we learned? Critiques of empirical work, new frontiers

Session 3: Case studies: 2 Examples of empirical work on sources of empowerment

3) Learning objectives:

At the end of the session, the students will be able to:

- Explain the purpose and main types of gender bargaining models
- Explain and critique main strategies for measuring household bargaining power
- Apply the concept and measurement of gender bargaining power to a new problem.

4) Key Concepts:

Gender bargaining power

Cooperative v. Non-cooperative bargaining

Direct versus indirect measures of bargaining power

Problems with generally used measures

Examples of research in this area

5) Required Reading (1 per lecture slot)

- **Session 1:** Shelly Lundberg and Robert A. Pollak, "Bargaining and Distribution in Marriage," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 10, No. 4 1996, pp. 139-158.
- **Session 2:** Henrik Wiig, "Joint Titling in Rural Peru: Impact on Women's Participation in Household Decision-Making," *World Development* Vol. 52, pp. 104-119, 2013
- **Session 3:** Supriya Garikapati, "The Impact of Lending to Women on Household Vulnerability and Women's Empowerment: Evidence from India," *World Development* Vol. 36, No. 12, pp. 2620-2642, 2008

6) References (used in slide presentation)

- Bina Agarwal, “Negociación y relaciones de género: dentro y fuera de la unidad doméstica,” *Historia Agraria*· n. 17 1999, 3-58.
- George A. Akerlof and Rachel E. Kranton, “Economics and Identity,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2008 (3), 715-753.
- Amartya Sen, “Rational Fools: A Critique of the Behavioral Foundations of Economic Theory,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 6, No. 4 (1977), pp. 317-344

7) Supplementary Resources

- Living Standard Measurement Surveys: <http://surveys.worldbank.org/lsms>
- Demographic Health Surveys: <https://dhsprogram.com/What-We-Do/survey-search.cfm?pgtype=main&SrvyTp=country>