

Speaker:

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Title:

Transforming Rural Economies through Tertiary Education: Evidence from India

Abstract: This paper analyzes the role of tertiary education on rural development. Using census data on villages in India for 2011, we find that skilled workers have had an important impact on rural prosperity. One percentage point rise in the share of the village population with tertiary education raises per capita consumption by around 7.2 percent. Our results are robust to alternative measures of income and are not confounded by better institutions. Among the mechanisms at work, we find that households with tertiary-educated members register higher agricultural gross income per unit of land. Their contribution to agriculture is also suggested by satellite-based spatial net primary productivity measures. We inform the larger literature on structural transformation and contend that such transformations can also happen within rural areas

About the speaker: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay is a professor of economics at the Indian Statistical Institute - Delhi, an honorary fellow of IZA, Bonn and a visiting scholar at Centre des Science Humaines. His primary specialization is in econometric methods applied to topics in the field of education and health in developing countries -in particular, India. Recent topics of research include how to use science based experiential pedagogy to target cognitive and non-cognitive skills of students, how to design teacher transfer programs and the impact of the distribution of human capital on economic development and Hypertension detection among the elderly in India.

Abhiroop has published in top international journals like the JDE, Economic Journal, JEBO, World Development etc. He was a visiting fellow at various universities-University of Warwick, London School of Economics, Carlos IV - Madrid, University of Connecticut, Univ of Hyderabad, IIM Bangalore to name a few. He is a technical advisory group member for NTAGI, NSSO and MoRD and an executive Council member of IIPS. He is a recipient of the Hermes fellowship given by CNRS-France and The Mahalanobis Gold Medel given by the Indian Econometric Society.