

Special Issue

The Macroeconomics of Gender Inequality

Message from the Guest Editors

Gender inequality is an unpleasant fact in most parts of the world, particularly in developing countries, where significant gaps between men and women are present in the labor market, as well as in political representation or bargaining power in the household. For instance, women tend to be segregated in a few productive sectors, which translates into gaps in their earnings and productivity with respect to men. Another important aspect of gender inequality in the labor market that has not been much studied is the role of women in entrepreneurial activities. There exists some evidence that the value added of men and the profitability of firms owned by men is significantly higher than those of women. Contributors to this issue are invited to explore questions such as, but not limited to:

Misallocation of factors due to gender discrimination
Gender inequality and economic growth
Firm size and firm growth by gender
Determinants of entrepreneurship by gender
Household production
Time use within couples
Child leave and family friendly policies
Statistical discrimination
Supply and demand determinants of gender gaps

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