

Research areas of Tanika Chakraborty

Research areas: Labor Economics, Development Economics, Demography

My research interests lie in labor and development economics. In the area of labor economics, my research includes estimating returns to skill in the labor market, importance of peer effects in overcoming low-education traps, decision making by students at IIT Kanpur and evaluation of public policies in the area of education. In the realm of development economics I have worked on risk-sharing - estimating the prevalence of risk sharing among rural households in Kyrgyzstan, and gender inequality - estimating the pattern and causes of sex selection in India, women's autonomy in decision making in the context of Mexico and effect of crime on women's labor force participation in India. I am also interested in understanding the role of institutions in the process of development - how formal versus informal contracting institutions help in business proliferation and mobility across various social groups in India.

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