



Seminar

“The Gender Education Gap in China – Menarche and the Power of Water”

(in English)

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Abstract:

We hypothesise that a girl’s education suffers because she has greater water needs for washing after menarche, needs which generally are not met in developing country circumstances. For testing we use panel data for rural villages from the China Health and Nutrition Survey. We present both instrumental variable estimates (based on whether a girl’s household receives tapwater from a government waterworks) and panel estimates. Both approaches imply that for girls after menarche, household provision of tapwater causes a considerable – 10 to 20 percentage point – rise in school enrolment.

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