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room 207

Jilská 1, Praha 1

Thursday Sociological Seminars

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Multidimensional Economic Hardships during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States

We measure multidimensional hardships experienced by Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic. We use a unique household survey data between 2018 and 2021 to compile information on self-reported economic hardships such as the inability to pay bills or afford health care, unemployment, and experiencing financial strain. We combine the household survey data with state-level data on lockdown measures. We find that a stricter lockdown was associated with a greater number of hardships. During the pandemic, 28 percent or almost 1 in 3 adults experienced multiple hardships. Hardships were particularly high among women, and among Black, and Hispanic populations. Our results underscore the fact that the pandemic compounded hardships experienced by Americans and left a long-lasting impact on their well-being.

Dr. Shatakshee Dhongde is a Professor of Economics at Georgia Tech. She obtained her Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside. Her research has focused on poverty, inequality, and deprivation. She was one of the first scholars to provide consistent estimates of multidimensional poverty in U.S. To date, she has published more than 20 refereed journal articles and book chapters and has presented her research at several national and international forums including the World Bank and the United Nations.

Dr. Dhongde is the recipient of Dean George C. Griffin Faculty of the Year Award (2022), Mary S. and Richard B. Inman, Jr. Faculty Excellence Award (2021), and Ivan Allen Jr. Legacy Award (2019). She is a Fellow of the Society for Economic Measurement and a research affiliate with the Institute of Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her work has featured in media, including the BBC and the NPR. Since 2021, she serves as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech.

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Seminar will be held in English.

No registration is needed.