WORKSHOP PROGRAM

GENDER ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITY of READING
NOVEMBER 3 - 4, 2025

DAY 1 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

9:00 am Coffee and welcome of the participants

10:00 am **Session I – Firms**
<u>Chair:</u> **Florent Dubois**
- "Digital Lifelines: Mobile Information and Peer Networks for Small Businesses in India", **Bansi Malde** (City St George's University).
  Discussant: Mahreen Mahmud
- "Wage Subsidies to Promote Female Hiring: Evidence from Pakistan", **Mahreen Mahmud** (University of Exeter).
  Discussant: Bansi Malde

11:00 am *Coffee break*

11:30 am *Keynote lecture* **CLIMENT QUINTANA-DOMEQUE** (University of Exeter).
"Disrupting Violence, Protecting Lives: Non-Fatal Strangulation Laws and Intimate Partner Homicides"

12:30 pm *Lunch*

1:45 pm **Session II – Violence**
<u>Chair:</u> **Sam Rawlings**
- "Heat, Alcohol, and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Peru", **Fiorella Parra-Mujica** (Erasmus University Rotterdam).
  Discussant: Prashant Poddar
- "Spare the Rod? Christian Missions and the Roots of Harsh Parenting", **Elisabetta De Cao** (University of Bologna).
  Discussant: Fiorella Parra-Mujica

3:15 pm *Coffee break*

3:45 pm **Session III – Social protection**
<u>Chair:</u> **Jade Siu**
- "Cash Transfers and Women's Labour Supply: Evidence from the World's Largest Programme", **Gabriel Leite Mariante** (LSE).
  Discussant: Mithila Abraham Sarah
- "Can Social Pensions Reduce Son Preference? Addressing Missing Women in India", **Mithila Abraham Sarah** (University of Surrey).
  Discussant: Gabriel Leite Mariante

5:00 pm *Keynote lecture* **BISHNUPRIYA GUPTA** (University of Warwick).
"Conflict and the Roots of Gender Norms in India"

7:00 pm *Social Dinner*

DAY 2 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

9:00 am   *Coffee*

9:30 am   ## Session IV – Women's empowerment
Chair: Eliane Badaoui
- "Relative Income and Gender Norms: Evidence from Latin America", **Dario Sansone** (University of Exeter).
  Discussant: Jisan Afrin
- "A Retrospective study on the Effects of Women's Education on their Empowerment via Pathways of Autonomy in Bangladesh", **Jisan Afrin** (University of Birmingham)
  Discussant: Federica Esposito
- "Ex-Ante Beliefs about Gender Inequalities, Narratives and Support for Gender Quotas", **Federica Esposito** (University of Bologna)
  Discussant: Dario Sansone

11:00 am   *Coffee break*

11:30 am   *Keynote lecture* **CHRISTINE VALENTE** (University of Bristol).
"Demand for Contraception in High-Fertility Settings"

12:30 pm   *Lunch*

1:30 pm   ## Session V – Bias and stereotypes
Chair: Neha Hui
- "Endogenous Sample Selection", **Torsten Figueiredo Walter** (New York University Abu Dhabi.).
  Discussant: Rory Todd
- "Sexist textbooks: Automated analysis of gender bias in 1,255 books from 34 countries", **Rory Todd** (Center for Global Development).
  Discussant: Torsten Figueiredo Walter

2:30 pm   *Coffee break*

3:00 pm   ## Session VI – Political Economy
Chair: Uma Kambhampati
- "Interpersonal and ethnic bias in Ethiopia", **Monica Beeder** (University of Southampton).
  Discussant: Shuai Chen
- "#MeToo Movement, Women's Empowerment, and Judges's Gender Gap in Decisions", **Shuai Chen** (University of Leicester).
  Discussant: Monica Beeder

4:00 pm   *Special session by* **PRACHI AGARWAL** (ODI). "Bridging the gap between research and policy to enhance development impacts"
Chair: Stefania Lovo

5:00 pm   *End of the workshop*

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Workshop venue: Room G10, Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus

Campus map: can be found here.

How to get to Whiteknights Campus: The Whiteknights Campus is a short bus ride from Reading train station. For more information see here.

Step	Direction
1. At Reading Station	Look for the **White Knight 20** (every ~10 min, ~10–15 min journey) or **Claret 21** (every ~15 min, runs 24/7).
2. After alighting	Alight at **University of Reading, Whiteknights House** (5-minute walk) for the quickest access to Henley Business School.
3. Alternatives	A taxi costs around £10; walking directly takes approximately 40 minutes.

Lunch venue: TBC

Dinner venue: TBC

Accommodation: We suggest booking accommodation either near Reading train station or near the campus. The University has agreements with some local hotels, and you can find discount codes here. According to feedback from previous visitors, we recommend avoiding the following hotels: Sure Hotel by Best Western and Hotel 1843. The following may be better choices: Ibis, Novotel, Penta.