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Why Pay the Chief? Bureaucratic Selection and Development in India

Gedeon Lim is a Ph.D. Candidate in Economics at Boston University. His research interests span development, political economy and history. He is particularly interested in understanding how incentives affect the selection and performance of village leaders. Another strand of research explores how historical patterns of migration and settlement shape culture with a particular focus on Southeast Asia. Prior to his doctoral studies, Gedeon received his B.Soc.Sci in Economics from the National University of Singapore.



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Exploring Behavioral Biases in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Evidence

Kexin Zhang is a fourth-year Ph.D. student at the Department of Economics at Boston University. Her research interests are in development economics and urban economics, with a focus on women's empowerment in family planning usage and the economic impact of transportation infrastructure. In Summer 2019, she collaborated with Professor Karra and the IPA office in Lilongwe, Malawi to lead implementation of a random controlled trial among 700 women in Lilongwe, which investigates women's family planning usage and male involvement in women's family planning choices.



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