

Four Reproducible Contributions in Development Economics

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Effects of a Male-Only Change in Pensions

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Motivation

- Income recipient and growth
- Growth and future income
- Grandmothers and Granddaughters:
 - South African pension, including black population
 - eligibility-age differential: women 65, men 60
 - life expectancy significantly lower: large selection bias

Identification Strategy

- Pension change (2010): men 65 \rightarrow 60, to a par
 - still selection bias based on life expectancy
- NIDS: 2008 (pre) & 2011 (post)

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The Local-Content Effect of google.co.za in Setswana

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- Two-Sided Market / Cross-side network effects
- WWW content is hard
- Social media content is easier: Facebook vendor lock-in

Quantifying Content

- using visit counts instead of page counts

Endogeneity

- Maybe Google introduced the interface following increased usage among Setswana speakers?
- Botswana speaks Setswana
- google.co.bw was translated in Setswana
- introduction on google.co.za was a spillover, exogenous
- google.co.za also introduced Xhosa, but not exogenous

- Use Itemize a lot.
- Use very short sentences or short phrases.
- These overlays are created using the Pause style.

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