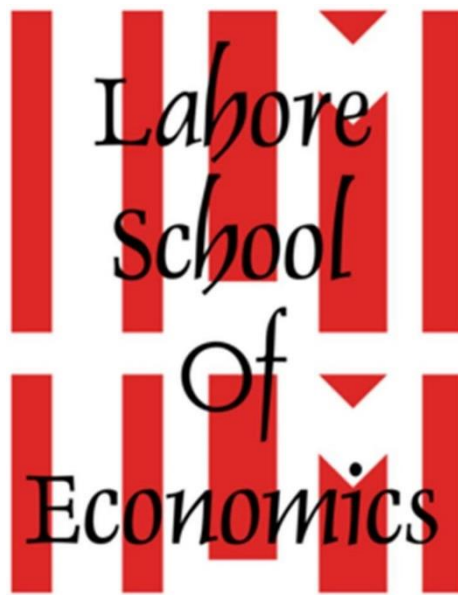


**Women Empowerment and Ethnic Inequalities in Pakistan: An Evidence
from Pakistan Demographic Health Survey 2017-2018 (PDHS)**

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Abstract

This study looks into the variations in the empowerment of women in terms of their role in household decision making over resource allocation, violence justifying perceptions, ownership and financial empowerment capital due to the existing embedded ethnic inequalities on linguistic basis. This study also goes beyond and investigates the spatial variations in women's empowerment caused by their internal migration across regions and in the course of that, it controls for various socio economic and household characteristics, that are household size, wealth, household education, women's working status and mobile ownership. This study consists of two explanatory variables (ethnicity on linguistic basis and migration), one explained variable (women empowerment) and one control variable (women's household characteristics). In the explained variable, women empowerment is proxied by women's role in household decision making over resource allocation, violence justifying perceptions, ownership and financial empowerment. The socioeconomic household factors are proxied by, household size, women's education, husband's education, household wealth, women's working status, women's age and mobile ownership. In this study, simple OLS regression will be used to analyze the data as it will be on household level. The study will rely on secondary data from PDHS besides many review articles, newspapers and government reports. The empirical findings will provide insights on strategies that countrywide governments can focus on to increase the empowerment of women of different ethnic groups in Pakistan.

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