

INTERGENERATIONAL ECONOMIC MOBILITY: METHODOLOGY AND EMPIRICAL EVIDENCES FROM KERALA, INDIA

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Abstract

This paper examines the intergenerational development trajectory of a group of migrated cultivators. A methodology of intergenerational stages of progress is developed to measure the development attainments of households during each generation. The development mapping of the household is conducted using two variables, economic resources and human capital content. The quadrant wise movement over generations shows that there are some household specific economic and non-economic factors leading to the economic progress or descending or stagnancy. The human capital decisions of individual households at each stage of development have a bearing on the economic progress of the subsequent generation. The value attached to time, whether it is subsistence value or economic value, is one important factor determining the human capital decisions at each stage of progress of the households.

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