

Gilman Foreign Policy in Focus: Global Food Security Virtual Seminar Series

Seminar 3: Gender and Global Food Security



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Janelle Larson is an Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at Penn State. Her research focuses on international rural development, with work primarily on gender in development, land markets, and value-chain analysis. She has been involved in USAID-funded research projects on gender and horticulture in Honduras, (funded by the Horticulture Innovation Lab at UC Davis), on gender in Cambodia (Sustainable Intensification Lab at Kansas State) and on women's time poverty in Ghana (Peanut Innovation Lab at Georgia). Larson is also the gender consultant for the Horticulture Innovation Lab at UC Davis and is co-Chair of the Innovation Lab Affinity Group for Gender. In addition, she leads a multi-disciplinary collaborative effort to develop livelihoods for highly vulnerable youth in Kenya involving undergraduate students.



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