

# Seminar Notice

## Why is the economic gradient in self-rated health weak for the elderly in India?

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### **Abstract:**

*While the existence of a socioeconomic gradient in self-perceived health for the elderly in developed countries is well-documented, there has been relatively less research in developing country contexts. Prior research has shown that the socioeconomic gradient in health is often strong when education is used as the indicator of socioeconomic status. However, evidence is mixed and inconclusive when economic indicators such as income or wealth are used. Using the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Wave-1 (2017-18), this paper argues that two types of biases may lead to the dampening of the economic gradient in self-perceived health in developing country contexts, namely inconsistency and positional objectivity. It proposes a method to purge the self-rated health responses of the two types of biases and shows that the aged poor in India indeed have worse health.*

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