



Visiting Scholar Lecture 2021

"THE DARK SIDE OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT"

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Development interventions that "empower" seem to be resulting in significant increases in women's workloads without increases in, and sometimes even decreases in, their status or power. In other words, empowering women is starting to look a lot like burdening them. I argue here that this burdening of women is a predictable result of the conception of empowerment as choice or agency. Dominant conceptions of empowerment characterize empowerment as the increase in a person's ability to do what they choose. Yet conditions of gender equality and poverty structure women's options such that choosing, doing, and doing more are often both women's best option and modes of disempowerment

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