



## Jacobs Center Research Seminar Series

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### **Rolling Back Progresas: School and Work After the End of a Landmark Anti-Poverty Program**

Mexico's conditional cash transfer program Progresas served as a model for evidence based development policy for over two decades. We estimate the school and work impacts of its sudden rollback. Comparing high- and low-penetration areas before and after rollback, we find that the loss of benefits decreased school enrollment, particularly for boys.

In high-penetration areas, rollback reduced enrollment and raised employment in high-school-aged boys by 12 and 8 percentage points, respectively.

Employment was concentrated in industries offering good wages for recent dropouts but relatively poor wages at older ages, consistent with rollback-induced dropout being costly for boys over their lifetimes.

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