

## **ECON 460: Women, Work, and the World Economy**

### Reading Guide: “Gender Gaps in Education: The Long View”

The article is neither long nor technical, so you should be able to read it straight through without difficulty. Read the entire article and then answer the following questions:

1. What is the main source of data used in the analysis?
2. Which countries are included in their sample?
3. How do the authors calculate the gender gap in educational attainment?
4. How did women’s educational attainment change between 1960 and 2010?
5. How did these changes compare to the changes in men’s educational attainment over the same time period?
6. How have gender gaps in educational attainment changed over time? Are the increasing or decreasing?
7. In which regions are women more likely to have completed secondary school than men?
8. What does Figure 4 suggest about the places where gender gaps in education grew between 1960 and 2010?
9. What does Figure 5 suggest about the persistence of gender gaps in educational attainment?
10. Does the evidence suggest that gender gaps in education are likely to disappear over time?
11. To what extent should we expect the disappearance of gender gaps in educational attainment to translate into improvements in gender equality in other domains?