Gender, Generation and Poverty

Chant challenges the ‘feminisation of poverty’ – a central trope in development discourse – by exploring the gendered experience of poverty. Poverty is often measured by income privation, rather than grassroots conditions in male-headed units. These findings lead Chant to propose a more elaborate and nuanced construction of the ‘feminisation of poverty’ which incorporates subjective experiences. Chant calls for a more appropriate basis for policy interventions. This not only stands to enrich gendered poverty analysis, but to provide a more appropriate basis for policy interventions.