

Microfinance: Wins, Losses, and Lessons

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Lecture Description: Microfinance was once heralded as the panacea to global poverty, but reality has not matched the hype. What have we learned from the global microfinance movement? Where do we go from here? Peter shares lessons from recent impact evaluation studies as well as his own experience working in microfinance with multiple organizations and contexts throughout Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

- I. Introduction
- II. The Promise
 - a. Grameen Bank
 - b. Early pioneers
- III. The Questions: Where is the impact?
 - a. Eradication or alleviation?
 - b. Microfinance as solution?
- IV. The Reality: What have we learned?
 - a. Danger!
 - i. Harm vs. Help
 - ii. Risks
 - b. Poverty as a multi-faceted problem that requires a multi-faceted solution
 - c. Global poverty on the decline – how do we contribute?
- V. The Future: Where do we go from here?
 - a. Innovation
 - b. Partnerships

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