

# **Private Complementary Tutoring in Cambodia: Gender and Equity Implications**

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# Complementary Tutoring

- Different from Supplementary
- A dialectical relationship between mainstream schooling and shadow education.
- A re-territorialization of education through the logic of capital expansion – educational capitalism.

# Complementary Tutoring in Cambodia

# Patterns of Gender

- Gender parity in mainstream schooling
- Gender imbalance in private tutoring

# Qualitative Data on Gender

# Gender in Global Capitalism

# Temporal and Spatial re-configurations of education

- On first look, it seems good
- But in a country like Cambodia, how does a girl really get ahead with greater investments in education?
- Option to study abroad
- Labor is very situated: in a country where property is very valuable for the capitalists, the propertyless people must sell their labor.



- Just because girls go to PT, it doesn't necessarily mean that the girls will enter the global economy.
- When cheap labor is the comparative advantage, the question is what can education even do? What role is education playing?
- A disconnect of the labor market and educational aspirations

# Real, Imagined, and

- The reality of the benefits of education: why so many people investing in education for some sort of pay off by completing the national curriculum through PT.
- Emergence (ray williams?) but effects not yet present? Aspirations there but will we ever see pay off.

- Different pasts in the present: aspiration as future orientated thing but will this future happen?