



**CENTRE FOR POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMINISTRATION
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Background

The Centre for Poverty and Development Studies (CPDS), Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya was established as a platform for research and teaching in the field of poverty and development studies. Inaugurated in November 2006 with the launch of the Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Chair (RPUA). Since then, CPDS has developed new research directions, anchored by ten (10) Research Pillars:

- (1) Poverty
- (2) Poverty & Sustainable Development
- (3) Inequality, Distribution & Social Mobility
- (4) Labour & Human Capital
- (5) Gender, Development & Group Vulnerability
- (6) Human Security
- (7) Development & Social Policy
- (8) Political Economy
- (9) Growth & Wealth Creation
- (10) Culture & Development

Embodied within these pillars, is the focus on developing new approaches and methodologies for poverty and development research, aimed to position CPDS as a national and regional reference point for academic work, research and consultancy for poverty and rural development to serve the academic community, the general public, policy makers and the international community as it is mandated to do. Given this mandate, CPDS will continue to identify gaps in theory, methodology and policy application, to be the catalyst in the development of ideas on poverty and development related issues, spearheading the formulation of frameworks for poverty and development studies, and contribute to a multi-dimensional approach to poverty and development research with the overarching aim of enhancing academic excellence in the field of development and the fight against poverty.

CPDS Brown Bag Seminar Series

We are pleased to announce that the Centre for Poverty and Development Studies (CPDS), Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya will be holding a seminar on “Quantifying the Managerial Ability of Microfinance Institutions: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis” by Dr. B M Hasanul Banna, CPDS Research Fellow.

Research and activities at CPDS reflects our commitment towards an inter-disciplinary and multi-dimensional approach to poverty and development studies by engaging experts, stakeholders and the general public through our core activities:

- (1) The Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Lecture Series
- (2) CPDS Development Forum
- (3) CPDS National Stakeholder Roundtable
- (4) CPDS Brown Bag Seminar Series
- (5) Public Outreach Programmes
- (6) CPDS Rethinking Poverty & Development Series

These core activities aim to further develop and strengthen CPDS as a reference point for poverty and development studies, to encourage scholars and experts to share their work and ideas on poverty and development issues that are relevant at the national, regional and global levels, as well as to reinforce the links between government bodies, commercial interests, and the wider community through knowledge transfer, networking, and pragmatic dissemination of information.

More specifically, the aim of CPDS Brown Bag Seminar Series is to provide a platform for academics, development practitioners, policy makers, NGOs and stakeholders to share their work and ideas on poverty and development issues that are relevant at the national, regional and global levels.

The focus of today’s seminar is on Pillar 2, “Poverty and Sustainable Development:” which is understand and search for compatible frameworks between development targets such as growth, poverty eradication, the social dimension of development such as, the provision of basic needs, employment creation, equity and distribution, while sustaining the environment for future generations and to design appropriate policy measures for social transformation and managing sustainability.