



**THE CENTRE FOR POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES  
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMINISTRATION  
UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA**

**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 Eight (8) 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

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) and Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administration will be holding a seminar on “Foreign Labour Policy and Labour Demand in Manufacturing: The Case of Malaysia” by Dr. Evelyn S. Devadason, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Research and activities at CPDS reflects our commitment towards an inter-disciplinary and multidimensional 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

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 4, “Labour and Human Capital” which is understand and address labour market constraints that creates segmentation by class, income, ethnicity and gender and to understand the dynamics behind the upward social mobility of vulnerable groups by exploring existing tools and framework for the purpose of informing policy making.