

CPDS RESEARCH PILLARS

This seminar is part of CPDS research activities and seminar series **under pillar 6 on Human Security**. For your information CPDS research and activities are currently organized around 8 core research Pillars. These are:

1. Poverty
2. Poverty and Sustainable Development
3. Inequality, Distribution and Social Mobility
4. Labour and Human Capital
5. Gender and Development
- 6. Human Security**
7. Development and Social Policy
8. Political Economy

These research pillars were derived from the initial four (4) identified at the time of its establishment in 2007 namely, poverty, development, income distribution, ethnic relations and employment.

The focus of Pillar 1: Poverty is to understand the multi-dimensional aspects of poverty eradication in order to expand poverty analysis to include the broader development challenges and to derive appropriate policy measures at different stages of development.

The focus of Pillar 2: Poverty and Sustainable Development is to understand and search for compatible frameworks between development targets such as growth, poverty eradication, 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.

The focus of Pillar 3: Inequality, Distribution and Social Mobility is to understand the dynamics of social and economic development with the aim of promoting inclusiveness, equality of access to resources and to reduce vulnerability of citizens, especially those at the lower strata of society at every level of policy making.

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

The focus of Pillar 5: Gender and Development is to understand Group Vulnerabilities such as defined by gender, ethnicity, children, youth and the aging population for the purpose of mainstreaming vulnerabilities in policy making.

The focus of **Pillar 6: Human Security** is to understand human security as another dimension of development that has become a global challenge for policy making and to contribute towards developing appropriate policy instruments for intervention both locally and internationally.

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The focus of Pillar 7: Development and Social Policy is to understand the vulnerability of citizens in the face of crisis, natural or man-made and their rights to welfare and social protection and to contribute towards designing policy instruments.

The focus of Pillar 8: Political Economy is to understand the inter-relationship between the political, economic and social dimensions of development by comparing old and new modalities to analyze current realities from an academic as well as policy perspective. The aim of this seminar series is to ignite interest among academics, students, policy makers and those interested in the application of the political economy perspective in the attempt to understand broader development issues in the search for effective solutions to development problems.

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