

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND CAPABILITY ASSOCIATION
Annual Conference
New Delhi, 10-13 September 2008
Organised by Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Conference Theme: Equality, Inclusion and Human Development

The Annual Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) sets out to explore the relationships between equality, inclusion and human development. Equality here is understood not only as equality in incomes and capabilities between and within social groups, women and men or individuals, but also in terms of possessing the basic capabilities to overcome wider socio-economic and political constraints. It includes perceptions of inequality as well as more objectively measured inequalities. Real or perceived equality can, among other factors, form the basis of inclusion in socio-economic and political processes. Conversely, inequality may lead to different types of social tensions and conflicts and affect human development outcomes in various ways.

The main issues that can be addressed may include the following:

- Dimensions of equality that go beyond income equality.
- Relationship between (in)equality, inclusion (or exclusion) and human development.
- Formal and informal institutions impacting equality and human development, while also mediating to promote inclusion or mitigate/sharpen social conflicts.
- Economic inequality and political inequality.
- Democracy and Equality.
- Locus of equality and inequality: gender, caste, race, religion, ethnicity, etc.
- Policies that aggravate or mitigate the equalities and exclusion.

Prospective paper writers can examine these issues from diverse perspectives – encompassing theoretical and conceptual perspectives including philosophical arguments, empirical analyses including econometric analyses, and policy considerations. Papers may contribute to debates on how inequality affects and is affected by human development. They are welcome to engage critically with the human development and capability approach discourse.

Following the conventions set by previous HDCA conferences, high quality papers on other aspects of human development and capability approach (gender and intra-household distribution, sustainable development, poverty in all of its dimensions, measurement and quantitative methods, participatory methods, formal and informal institutions, health and education, indigenous peoples, foundational philosophical problems, human rights, theoretical issues and technical matters in applying the capability approach) are also invited.

Summer school on Capability & Multidimensional Poverty: Measurement & Analysis

This summer school is offered for those with a statistical or econometric background who wish to deepen their knowledge of current methodologies for applying the capability approach. The summer school will be **28 August – 9 September**, in the premises of the Institute for Human Development. It is co-organised by Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti and Sabina Alkire. Accommodation will be in Indian-style guest rooms which may be single or shared (\$30-\$40/night). In addition to costs for accommodation, a course fee of \$300 for students and \$500 for professionals is charged to cover course costs. ***Details*** are p 4-6 of this document.

Venue and Staying Arrangements

The Conference will be hosted by the Institute for Human Development (IHD) (<http://ihdindia.org/>), New Delhi. The venue of the Conference will be the **India International Centre (IIC) and India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), New Delhi**. These two adjacent premises are cultural hubs of Delhi and are located in the centre of the City at Lodi Estate. The staying arrangements of the participants will be at the venue, nearby hotels, lodges and guest houses. The travelling time from the place of lodging will vary between 10 to 40 minutes. The local travel will be the responsibility of the host institution.

Submission of Abstracts/Panel Proposals and Important Dates

Scholars and practitioners are invited to participate in and contribute papers for the Conference. To submit a **paper proposal**, please submit:

1. A full paper (encouraged) or an abstract of 800-1000 words
2. Three to five keywords for the paper
3. Name, affiliation, contact information and a short biography of author for the programme.
4. Request for financial assistance (if relevant). In this case a full paper is required by **1 July**.

Proposals for panels are also welcome. A panel consists of four papers that may be presented in one session. A **panel proposal** should contain:

1. Title and a description of the theme of the panel (300-500 words)
2. Titles, authors and abstracts of the papers (each of 200-400 words)
3. Names, affiliations and short biographies of the proposed speakers
4. Name and contact information of the panel organizer (who need not be one of the proposed speakers) to be used for communication with the Conference Organisers.

The deadline for submission of papers and panel proposals is **15 March 2008**, and for full papers **31 July, 2008**. Information on the acceptance of panel session/paper proposals will be communicated by late **April/early May 2008**.

There will be a limited number of fee reductions for students and scholars from developing countries. **Scholars who wish to be considered for financial assistance must indicate so in the submission of their proposals. Submission of full paper by 1 July is a requirement for any seeking financial assistance.**

Proposals for papers/panels should be sent by email to hdcaconference2008@googlemail.com

or by post to **Aseem Prakash, Institute for Human Development, NIDM Building, IIPA Campus, IP Estate, MG Marg, New Delhi - 110 002**

Registration Fees

Registration fee includes HDCA membership fee (it also covers one year subscription to the *Journal of Human Development*), lunch, mid-morning and afternoon tea, a conference dinner, admission to sessions, a conference bag, a copy of the programme, a volume containing abstracts of papers and a CD containing all the papers.

Participants are requested to register by 30 June 2008 so that appropriate arrangements for their stay are made. The registration request after 30 June will be accepted only on the payment of late registration fee. It will be difficult for the organisers to entertain any request of registration after 16 August 2008. Online registration for the conference will open in May 2008. Indian participants can register locally with IHD.

Arrangements are being made by IHD for accommodating delegates in various nearby hotels, lodges and guest houses/clubs. The rates of the guest houses/ hotels are as follows.

Registration Fee	US \$
Students & all developing countries	100
Salaried Professionals	250-80
Late Registration (after 30 June)	
Students & developing countries	125
Salaried Professionals	275-305
Indian Participants	1500 INR

Price Slabs (Per Night)	Number of Rooms
US \$ 30 - \$40	Nearly 100 rooms (Modest)
US \$ 75 - \$100	Nearly 100 rooms (Average)
US \$ 100 - \$140	Nearly 50 rooms at the venue or near the venue) (Plush)
US \$ 160 - \$ 300	Nearly 100 hotel rooms (close to the venue) (Plush)

After receiving the request IHD will book the accommodation on behalf of the delegates. The rooms will be secured on the 'first come - first serve' principle. A request in this regard has to be made in written while submitting the abstract. **This is absolutely essential to secure the room of preference for the conference delegates** At several places, twin sharing is also permitted. Participants are requested to indicate their preferences in case they would like to have a share accommodation. For further information about the conference please send an e-mail message to: hdcaconference2008@googlemail.com

Plenary Speakers

Presidential Address

Frances Stewart, University of Oxford

Plenary Speakers: (To be confirmed)

Jean Dreze, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, India

Niraja Gopal Jayal, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago

Charles Tilly, Columbia University

Barbara Harriss-White, University of Oxford

Miguel Székely Pardo (Valedictory), Vice Minister of Prospective, Planning and Evaluation, Social Development Ministry, Mexico

Dialogue:

A dialogue is proposed to be organised around the theme "*Law, Inequality and Human Development*" **Speakers** (To be confirmed)

Athaliah Molokomme (Attorney General of the Republic of Botswana)

Pratap Bhanu Mehta (Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi)

Aruna Roy (Social Activist, India)

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Conference Programme Committee

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HDCA Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty
28 August - 9 September 2008, New Delhi, India

The capability approach formulated by the 1998 Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, and further developed by the philosopher Martha Nussbaum and others, has become an important new paradigm in thinking about development. It provides a conceptual framework that could ground many multidimensional approaches to poverty and social protection, including the MDGs, PRSPs, rights-based development, integrated social policy, and other specific initiatives.

In all multidimensional approaches to poverty and well-being, technical complexity arises regarding measurement and policy application. The purpose of this intensive summer school **is to provide a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to current literature and techniques of measuring and comparing capabilities**, drawing on various techniques of multidimensional measurement and of statistical analysis.

The summer school will be jointly organized by Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Director of the Human Development, Capability and Poverty International Research Centre, a research centre promoted the Institute for Advanced Study in Pavia, and by Sabina Alkire, Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative based at the University of Oxford. It will include video lectures as well as lectures by research specialists on different topics.

Who should apply: The summer school is primarily addressed to **Master & PhD students, post-docs and researchers who are working on multidimensional poverty and capability measurement or analysis**. Applicants who are already at the stage of pursuing a research project are particularly welcome. Other candidates having a demonstrated research interest in empirical analysis in these topics can be considered on the basis of their experience and space availability.

Participants are required to have a background in quantitative methods (econometrics, statistics) and should be familiar with the capability approach and social science research methods. As the participants will undertake problem sets in the course of the summerschool, participants without these qualifications will not be accepted. Some background readings can be sent to participants prior to the start of the summer school. Throughout the summer school, participants will be actively involved in discussions and problem-solving, and will be invited to present their research work as well as to share their experiences regarding different techniques of empirical analysis.

Format: The summer school will include a total of 9 days of teaching. **Teaching sessions** will cover amongst others the following topics: fuzzy set theory, poverty dynamics, human development indices, multidimensional poverty and inequality measurement, structural equation models, factor analysis, capability production functions, instrumental variables, and other statistical and econometric techniques applied in this field of research. The programme will further include **working group activities** as well as **presentations** of participants' research work. Participants need to bring a laptop with them to do the problem sets.

Dates: 28 August - 9 September 2008. Participants are further encouraged to attend the HDCA International Conference, 10-13 September 2008 (www.hd-ca.org).

Venue: Institute for Human Development, Delhi

Costs: A course fee applies for the summer school which is **US\$300** for students and **US\$500** for other participants. In addition, participants will need to pay for very simple student accommodation and lunch.

Application: To apply, please send your CV and the following application form to: hdc@iuss.unipv.it. MA and PhD students should also provide an outline of their on-going research project (max. 500 words). Deadline for application is **1st of April 2008**. The Selection of candidates will be competitive. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in their application. The candidates selected will receive an e-mail notification of the decision the latest by 1st of May 2008 to allow time to secure visa and cheap air tickets.

For further information, please write to:

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Summer School on Capability Poverty and Well-Being Measurement:

**28 August - 9 September 2008, New Delhi, India
Application Form**

Name:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Institution:

Position (Master, PhD, researcher etc):

Email:

Quantitative Background: *Please list the classes that you have taken with a brief description of the syllabus, and your grade or marks in them. Please list also the kinds of analysis you have performed in your own research, and any published papers.*

Statistical Software: *Please list the statistical software that you are able to use and the degree of facility (basic, average, competent, highly competent)*

Are you able to bring a laptop, and what statistical software does it have? (we are not able to supply laptops; if you do not have one please let us know and we will see if we can work anything out).

What are your specific research interests pertinent to this summerschool on measurement: (500 words)

Do you have ongoing research on measurement? Are you planning to begin such research? Please describe the place, emphasis of the study, and what stage your research is at present. (Max 300 words)

Are you planning to participate also in the HDCA Conference? **Yes**
No

If yes, have you also applied for financial assistance for the HDCA Conference? **Yes**
No

Please email the completed application form, your CV as well as the outline of your research project to anna.schenk@unipv.it or send a fax to 0039-(0)-382-984417.

Deadline of application is **1* of April 2008**.