

Proposed session title: Reconciling human security and sustainability – Can Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) be a driver?

This session explores possibilities for reconciling the concept of human security and sustainability. The ambition is to identify a new conceptual framework addressing them simultaneously. There has been no explicit relations identified regarding the relation between these two, and their relation has been neglected for deeper attentions. The emerging opportunity of setting the post-2015 development agenda may provide a venue for the debate. This challenge is a direct result from the formal ending of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, as well as from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), in which governments agreed that an intergovernmental process would develop novel Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be integrated into the post-2015 global development agenda. Dave Griggs, Norichika Kanie and their nine colleagues made re-definition of sustainable development, in their article in *Nature* in March 2013, in the new epoch called “Anthropocene”, in which human behavior drives the entire Earth system, as “development that meets the needs of the present whilst safeguarding Earth’s life-support system upon which the welfare of current and future generations depends”. They extracted planetary ‘must haves’ as pre-conditions for human prosperity based upon nine planetary boundaries identified in 2009 beyond which it would be unsafe to transgress and more recent research result. They then combined these with MDG targets, which must be updated eventually and extended for 2030 or beyond, to produce six SDGs. Although such approach could combine human and planetary well-being together, further conceptual elaboration may be necessary to represent them by a simpler conceptual framework. How can we find such a concept?

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