

CALL-FOR-PAPERS

for the



2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Evening of Sept. 5th – Sept. 8th 2011, The Netherlands

Hosted by:

[The Hague, international city of peace & justice](#)

Organized by:

3TU.Centre for Ethics and Technology

Confirmed key-note speakers:

- Martha Nussbaum (philosophy)
- Tony Atkinson (economics), with a comment by Amartya Sen
- Melissa Leach (development studies / science & technology studies)

2011 HDCA CONFERENCE THEME:

'Innovation, Development & Human Capabilities'

Bringing about human development for all is a challenge. It is not sufficient to investigate how human capabilities are expanded or diminished by our current policies, institutional arrangements, incentive structures, social practices, infrastructures and technologies. Grounded in our understanding of these realities, we also need to be creative and innovative in order to bring about change. The 2011 conference theme 'Innovation, Development and Human Capabilities' is an invitation to discuss and reflect on this. Whether it concerns social or technological innovation, grassroots innovation or innovation policy – to make innovation truly work for human development, input from different angles is needed. We thus expect speakers and papers from a wide variety of disciplines. While innovation is the thematic focus of the 2011 HDCA conference, we naturally also welcome papers on other aspects of human development and the capability approach.

Evening of September 5th: 1st Annual Amartya Sen Lecture

The conference starts on the evening of September 5th with the 1st Annual Amartya Sen Lecture, given by Tony Atkinson. The lecture is followed by a comment from Amartya Sen himself. The new lecture series celebrates Amartya Sen's important contributions to the fields of human development and human capabilities.

For more information about the 2011 HDCA conference see:
www.ethicsandtechnology.eu/HDCA & www.hd-ca.org

Conference aims & topics

The HDCA conference brings together people from all over the world and from different disciplines. The conference aims to promote high quality academic research.

Papers on the 2011 conference theme 'innovation, development & human capabilities' may explore, amongst others, the following topics:

- Institutional, social & technical innovation for human development
- Innovation & inclusion, social justice, etc.
- Grassroots innovation
- Designing for the expansion of human capabilities
- Human development and participatory technology assessment
- Innovation & sustainability

In addition to papers on the 2011 conference theme, the HDCA invites you to submit proposals on all core HDCA topics, including but not limited to:

- philosophical and ethical foundations;
- ethics and development
- issues in operationalizing the capability approach;
- capability measurement and empirical analysis;
- human rights;
- sustainability;
- participation and public deliberation;
- civil society;
- health and disability;
- education;
- economics and human development;
- formal and informal institutions & practices
- poverty and inequality;
- gender;
- values, religion, culture and freedom;
- inclusion & exclusion/discrimination;
- justice

Please note: While the papers may come from any discipline and may be theoretical, applied, or policy-based, **every paper must fundamentally engage with, apply, extend, or criticize the capability approach and/or the human development paradigm.**

Conference Structure

In addition to key-note lectures and other plenary sessions, the conference will accommodate four types of sessions:

- **Poster presentation sessions**, for which dedicated time slots will be available in the program, so that authors can clarify their poster to the circulating audience. Posters could, for example, present a research project, some field work done, a case study, or an early-stage research proposal. Abstract of 300-600 words, with a list of 3-5 keywords.
- **Young scholar meets senior sessions**, in which graduate students will present their research plan or some work in progress (proposals should be 500-1000 words, with 3-5 keywords). [HDCA Fellows](#) will provide feedback and chair the discussion.
- **Full academic paper sessions**, for which single papers can be submitted that will be presented in a session with 2 or 3 other papers (30 minutes per paper including discussion/questions). Abstract of 500-1000 words, with a list of 3-5 keywords.
- **Thematic panel sessions** containing 3 or 4 full academic papers. In addition to the abstracts (500-1000 words each) and keywords of the individual papers in the panel session, proposals should include a title + description of the theme (300-500 words). Note that the standards for evaluating panels will be the same as for the full academic papers. If not all the papers in the proposed panel session are evaluated favorably, then the papers will be regarded as individual papers and may be allocated to other sessions. *Each panel should have a coordinator who submits all the abstracts belonging to the panel and acts as a contact person for the panel session.*

Kuklys Prize for best paper from a grad student

The HDCA will award the best paper presented by a graduate student at the HDCA conference with the annual Kuklys Prize. All graduate students who will not have received their degree before 1st of September 2011 and are presenting a paper at the 2011 HDCA conference under their sole authorship are eligible to be considered for this prize. If you wish your paper to be considered for the prize, please indicate this on the submission form. Please note: if you are competing for this prize, the full paper **MUST** be submitted by 31st of July 2011. The winner of the 2011 Wiebke Kuklys Prize will be awarded a cash amount with the aim of contributing to the student's graduate work, by allowing him/her to buy equipment or books, or to attend a conference, and the name of the winner will be announced at the closing plenary session of the conference.

Publication of conference papers

We encourage papers presented at the conference to be submitted for publication in the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*. This HDCA-owned journal is a peer reviewed multi-disciplinary journal for people-centered development. See <http://www.hd-ca.org> ('About Us' section) for more information on the journal and on how to submit your paper.



Conference registration, fee & scholarships

On-line conference registration will open in the Spring of 2011. Scholars from developing countries and students will pay a reduced fee for attending to the conference. As in previous years, the HDCA also aims to make partial financial assistance available to these two groups. More information on this will be made available at the conference website.

Paper submission and review

You can submit your contribution here: https://www.conftool.net/hdca_conference_2011. In order to ensure academic quality, all submissions will be reviewed by the [HDCA Fellows](#) and a select group of other senior researchers in the field. Acceptance for the conference will take place on a competitive basis.

Important deadlines

- Submission of proposals: **March 15th 2011**
- Announcement of acceptance/rejection: **May 15th 2011**
- Registration with early-bird-fee: **June 15th 2011**
- Submission full papers/posters to be included on conference CD: **July 31st 2011**
- Registration with latecomer-fee: **August 15th 2011**

Pre-conference events




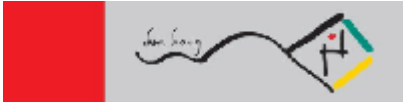


A number of pre-conference events are being planned, including:

- A one-week introductory course on the capability approach, taught by Ingrid Robeyns (Erasmus University Rotterdam).
- A two-week summer school on capability and multidimensional poverty measurement, taught by Sabina Alkire and the staff of the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) of the University of Oxford.

More information on these events and others can be found on the conference website.

Sponsors

This conference is being made possible by the contributions and support from:

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