

Call for Papers
Focus on SDG 1 - Successful Models of Poverty
Reduction

for a special issue of *Bandung: Journal of the Global South*

Objective

The objective of this call for papers is to gather research and scholarly contributions focused on the macro-level aspects of poverty, with a specific focus on developing countries that have transitioned or are in the process of transitioning out of Least Developed Country (LDC) or Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) status to developed country status. The aim is to showcase innovative approaches, policies, and strategies that have effectively addressed poverty and contributed to sustainable development. By highlighting successful models, this call for papers seeks to provide valuable insights and lessons that can inform and support poverty reduction efforts in similar contexts, ultimately contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1) — "End poverty in all its forms everywhere."

Context

The alarming findings from the World Bank in 2020 shed light on the severity of global poverty, with over 700 million people living in extreme poverty, representing a staggering 9.3 percent of the global population. Furthermore, this distressing reality is magnified by the recent adjustment to the threshold for extreme poverty, which now stands at USD 2.15 income per person per day, a rise from the previous benchmark of USD 1.90 (World Bank, 2022). These figures highlight the pervasive global challenge of poverty, affecting millions of individuals worldwide and perpetuating inequality while hindering human development. Tragically, the COVID-19 crisis, coupled with inflation and the devastating consequences of the Ukraine war, further exacerbated this alarming trend, which disrupted the declining trajectory of poverty reduction and plunged millions more into extreme poverty (United Nations, 2022).

The scope of poverty extends beyond income deprivation, encompassing various dimensions of human well-being. According to the United Nations Development Programme, approximately 1.3 billion people experience multidimensional poverty, which accounts for nearly a quarter of the population in 104 countries assessed in 2018. Among these individuals, nearly half, or 46 percent, live in extreme poverty, lacking essential resources in multiple areas covered by the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).

Despite global efforts to alleviate poverty, significant challenges persist where adverse impacts of poverty are far-reaching, affecting individuals, families, communities, and entire societies. Poverty perpetuates a cycle of deprivation, hunger and malnutrition, social discrimination and exclusion that hampers social mobility, exacerbates inequalities, and undermines human dignity, limiting access to basic necessities such as clean water, education, and economic opportunities. Moreover, the ongoing threat of climate change to poverty reduction in countries such as Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where a significant proportion of the global impoverished population resides, encompasses various adverse consequences — increased food

costs, deteriorating health conditions, and heightened vulnerability to disasters like floods, which affect both impoverished communities and the broader population (World Bank, 2020).

Tackling poverty demands a comprehensive and holistic approach that addresses economic, social, and environmental dimensions, while considering the unique circumstances and challenges faced by different regions and populations. This dire situation underscores the urgent and imperative need for effective and sustainable solutions to eradicate poverty and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG1) — "End poverty in all its forms everywhere" — by 2030, especially when prior to the onset of COVID-19, projected figures indicated that by 2030, approximately 6 percent of the world's population would remain trapped in extreme poverty, indicating a failure to achieve the goal of eradicating poverty (United Nations, n.d.).

In this context, this call for papers aims to explore successful models of poverty reduction, focusing on innovative approaches that have demonstrated tangible progress in combating poverty and improving the lives of vulnerable populations. By examining case studies, research findings, and evidence-based strategies, this initiative seeks to contribute to a deeper understanding of the dynamics of poverty and inform transformative actions towards achieving SDG1.

By shedding light on effective poverty reduction models, common patterns, lessons learned, and strategies could be identified that can be scaled up and replicated in diverse contexts. The ultimate goal is to inspire and inform policymakers, practitioners, and researchers in their efforts to address poverty and contribute to sustainable development.

Themes and Topics

- Innovative approaches and strategies for poverty reduction
- Policies and interventions promoting inclusive economic growth
- Education and skills development initiatives for poverty alleviation
- Sustainable livelihoods and income generation opportunities
- Cross-sectoral collaborations and partnerships for poverty eradication
- Case studies highlighting successful poverty reduction models from different regions.

Submission Guidelines and Evaluation Procedures

Proposed paper topic with an abstract of 250 words should be first submitted by email to the Yuchengco Center of De La Salle University – Manila, Philippines (email: yuchengcocenter@dlsu.edu.ph), accompanied by the author's CV. Once a proposed topic and abstract are invited for full paper submission, the author(s) will submit the full paper within a mutually agreed time frame. The total word count for the full paper should be 8,000 words maximum (all inclusive). The reference style to be used is the Chicago Manual Style.

Full paper submissions must be written with policy-makers as their primary target, and they must be in clear, understandable English. The papers must be original and must not be under consideration for publication by another journal or publisher.

The Yuchengco Center will evaluate and select the submissions based on their quality and relevance. Invited full papers will undergo the double-blinded peer-review procedure. For any questions or special personal circumstances (e.g. neurodiversity), prospective authors can directly contact the lead guest editor, Milton Amayun (email: mamayun@gmail.com), and Editor-in-Chief, Pak-Nung Wong (email: p.wong@bath.ac.uk). *Bandung: Journal of the Global South* aims to support authors of diversity, disadvantaged backgrounds and special needs.

The entire peer-review procedure and scientific publication process will adhere to the publication ethics guidelines set forth by Brill, which can be found at https://brill.com/fileasset/downloads_static/static_publishingbooks_publicationethics.pdf.

These guidelines ensure the integrity and ethical standards of the review and publication process. Authors will be informed of the publication schedule once an article is accepted for publication after revisions. For detailed instructions for authors, please refer to the provided https://brill.com/fileasset/downloads_products/Author_Instructions/BJGS.pdf.

Authors are encouraged to carefully follow the above submission guidelines to facilitate the review and publication process.

The special issue is planned for publication in late 2024 or early 2025. It is preferable for proposed paper topics and abstracts to be submitted via email to yuchengcocenter@dlsu.edu.ph on or before December 1, 2023. After this date, enquiries and submissions would still be responded by the Editor-in-Chief (email: p.wong@bath.ac.uk) on a rolling basis and in consultation with the Yuchengco Center.

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