

Joint Workshop on Human Security

by University of Tokyo (Graduate Program on Human Security), Institute of Developing Economies, and the World Bank

Concept

The concept of human security has gained a gradual acceptance in the international community as a key concept that confronts the entire humankind. As the 2003 UN Report “Human Security Now” defines human security “to protect the vital core of all human lives in ways that enhance human freedoms and human fulfillment,” and it emphasizes *freedom from want* and *freedom from fear* as key elements for the attainment of human security.

While the concept of human security is gradually gaining ground in the academic discourse, the scope of its practical application varies widely, leaving space for further intellectual discussions. It is in this sense that the accredited joint workshop on human security by University of Tokyo (Graduate Program on Human Security), Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) and the World Bank is particularly relevant. This initiative, originally conceptualized by University of Tokyo and IDE, is envisaged as an open forum for further intellectual discussions among the interested people on the idea of human security, and it is important to note here that it is not meant to provide an exhaustive course on the subject.

This workshop represents a remarkable collaboration since this is the first initiative of its kind in Japan. Also, this initiative is in line with the new trend in EXT to seek joint lecture series with universities and is well in line with Tokyo Office’s academic outreach strategy.

Timing

Fridays at 6-8pm on April 15th to July 18th. (VC sessions can be rescheduled to Wednesday mornings or TBD).

Background Information

University of Tokyo is the most highly reputed university in Japan, and it has a unique (probably the only one of its kind in Japan) graduate program on human security, of which this workshop will be part (please see below for more information). Similarly, **IDE** is the most highly regarded think tank on development in Japan,

<http://human-security.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp> (in Japanese only)

Tasks

1. University of Tokyo

Identifying speakers for 3 sessions and providing grades for the graduate students.

2. IDE

Providing speakers for 3 sessions.

3. The World Bank

Identifying presenters for 3 sessions (90 minutes each), hosting the class in Tokyo Office’s Large Conference Room, and covering the videoconference connection fees.

Each presenter needs to assign reading materials at least 1 week advance of the responsible session.