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PANEL TITLE:

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: TAKING A STOCK OF LEFT-OUT POPULATION FROM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, AND RECASTING DEVELOPMENT PARADIGMS

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ABSTRACT

As the deadline of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) draws closer, national leaders, academicians, and policymakers become watchful more than ever to ensure none is left behind. However, a critique to SDGs is the global agenda often miss out power relations, class struggle, inequality, and social exclusion at the local level, and therefore SDGs overlooks different forms and nuances of vulnerability, lying outside the set-goals. Scholars, particularly from less developed nations raise voices that international and national aid agencies and policy implementers seem to be blissfully unaware that SDGs are only ends to development; the means of achieving them are rather challenging and differ according to the socio-political contour of the region. The goals also fail to reflect the intra-regional variability; the way social and political identity make one group advantageous at cost of others within a country. It therefore becomes imperative upon Anthropologists to identify socially vulnerable groups who are 'left-out' from the SDGs; look deep into their everyday sufferings and struggle against social atrocities; and suggest remedies. There is also a need to think Development beyond SDGs to encompass different vulnerabilities. The proposed panel creates scope for bringing into discussion various nuances of marginalisation and vulnerability in the light of SDGs but not limited to it. The panel is open for discussions on socially marginalised population like women, children, adolescents, transgender, elderly, poor, forcefully displaced people, persons involved in hazardous occupation, people living with any form of infirmity or any other vulnerable groups whose perils have remained unaddressed so far. Presenters may also moot ideas on recasting development parameters that are appropriate at the micro-level and have congruence with the global assessment scales.

Keywords: Sustainable Development Goals, Left-out population, social marginalisation, vulnerable population

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