Rethinking the security-development nexus in the context of human security

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Abstract:

This paper sought to reshape the discourse on the security-development nexus. The paper indicts the former discourse that is based on the traditional conceptualization of security and development and demonstrates the extent to which such a discourse is intellectually bereft in achieving security and development. In that sense, the paper undergirds the new discourse presented in this paper on the security-development nexus with the concepts of human security and human development, and their interactions and mutual effects and influences. It is anchored on the conviction that since a discussion of security and development makes better sense if it is focused on the individual, the nexus of security and development should also be brought to the level of the individual; hence, this paper discusses the human security-human development nexus.

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