

Asia Pacific transformations group sponsored session

Globalisation, consumption and development

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The ‘manufacture of new forms of poverty’ (Donnison, 1982) within the Asia Pacific, as elsewhere, has been the cost of the global drive to improve material standards of living. Despite decades of ‘development’ efforts with the objective of creating ‘an enabling environment for people to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives’ (Mahbub ul Haq, in UNDP, 2009), and despite some gains having been made towards realisation of some of the Millennium Development Goals, global spatial inequalities persist; many in the neighbouring Asia Pacific region and beyond struggle to access the basic resources necessary for survival. This general session invites papers which explore issues of current importance related to the broad themes of globalisation, consumption and development. These may include (but need not be limited to):

- Food – the new oil? Food security and global consumption
- International labour migration: empowerment or exploitation?
- International cooperation for poverty alleviation – aid, corporates and global governance
- Climate change, vulnerability, adaptation and the poor
- Environment – a new justification for intervention?
- Consuming places: tourism in the Asia Pacific
- The challenges of urbanisation.