Bibliography on Human Security

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Introduction

Human security is a contested concept. There is consensus among its proponents of human that the ‘referent object’ object of security should be the individual rather than the state, but no consensus with respect to the threats to individuals that should be included under the human security rubric.

The ‘broad’ conception of human security promoted by the United Nations Development Programme in 1994, and now also associated with the Japanese government, includes a broad variety of threats to human well-being – disease, hunger and pollution – as well as violence. Proponents of narrower conceptions of human security argue that conflating a range of different harms to persons serves no good analytic purpose.

This bibliography is based on searches for publications in which the term ‘human security’ appears. This approach has one important drawback. Much work that that deals with the substance of human security issues does not use the term human security at all. In this sense the bibliography is incomplete and remains a work in progress.

Scope of the Bibliography

The bibliography includes books, chapters in books, journal and magazine articles, scholarly papers, manuscripts, speeches, presentations, reports, and government publications, including official statements, political agreements, and press releases.

Search Methodology

The primary source of data was the Internet, which was searched using a number of tools. Additional resources used included Harvard University’s card catalog, and other sources, including Lexis Nexis, J-Stor and CiaoNet. Search terms used included: ‘human security’, ‘security’, and ‘human insecurity’.

The bibliography also includes material from two other bibliographies:

Exclusions

- News briefs and duplicated entries (i.e., articles published in multiple sources or news briefs or press releases describing documents elsewhere in the bibliography) are excluded, as are documents with only minimal relevance.

Search Engines and Databases Employed

Subscription-Based Services:
- CiaoNet
- First Search
- Hollis Catalog
- J-Stor
- Lexis Nexis
- Ovid/PAIS
- Periodicals Contents Index
- ProQuest
- Social Sciences Citation Index
- WorldCat

Search Engines:
- Google
- Yahoo!

Official Sites:
- European Union
- Government of Canada, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Government of Switzerland, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Human Security Network
- United Nations
- United Nations Development Programme
Bibliography is listed alphabetically by author’s last name within each category.

I. Books and Booklets


II. Chapters in Books


III. Journal and Magazine Articles


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IV. Papers, Manuscripts, Speeches and Presentations


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V. Reports


VI. Government Publications


VII. Other Materials