

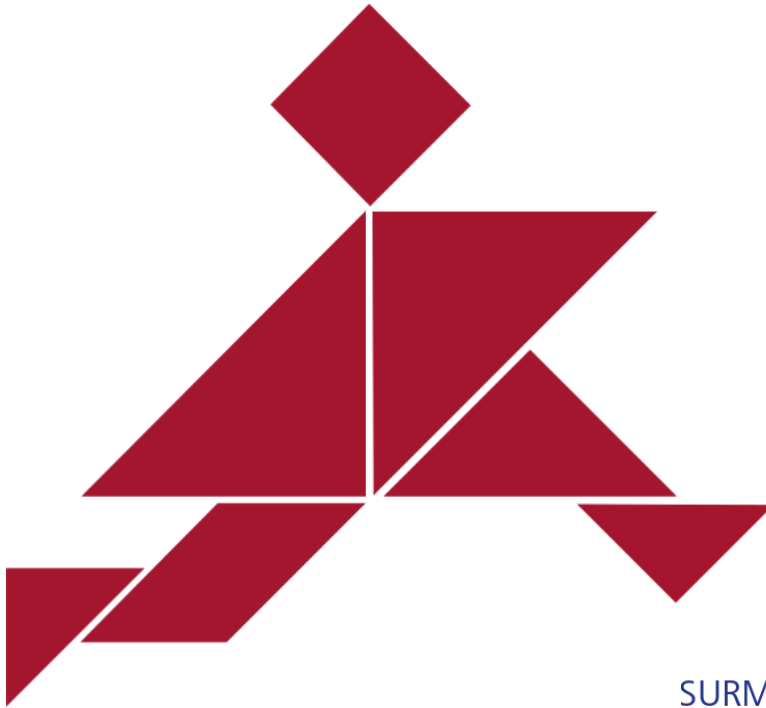
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# Public Policies and Human Development: A Capability Approach

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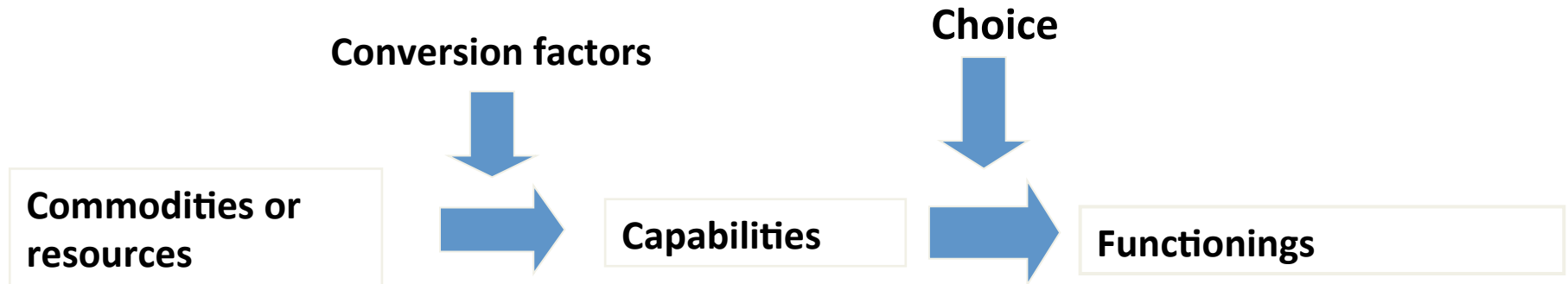


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# The capability approach

Capability (Amartya Sen) as the “**real freedom** to lead a life one has **reason to value**”



2 complementary axes for empirical investigation:

- Real freedom vs. formal freedom: resources, individual and social conversion factors
- Freedom to choose and reason to value

# Public Policies against Capabilities

## Resources:

- Are there gaps? Are they adequate (sufficient or, maybe, too high)?
- Effective access and non-take up

## Conversion factors:

- Individual: multidimensionality, individual aspirations/capacities and institutional expectations (risk of selectivity)
- Contextual: Social norms and opportunities, adequacy of environment (material and symbolic barriers)

## Freedom to choose:

- Opportunities to participate in the design and implementation of public policies (judicial / political)