

# **Title: Human development from a gender perspective: the case of Spain**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The measurement of human development from a gender perspective in the case of Spanish regions presents different kind of constraints depending on its nature: i) conceptual constraints arise when the human development paradigm is applied to developed countries instead of the developing ones, for which the mentioned paradigm was thought; ii) empirical constraints refer to the lack of recent data –and availability for the same year- in order to calculate the human development index and gender related development index; iii) methodological constraints appear when trying to measure discrimination from a gender perspective beyond “welfare”. This paper presents the preliminary outcome of both indexes –HDI and GDI- calculate by Spanish regions (Autonomous Communities), by elaborating a “regional map of human development” in the case of Spain and its modifications when it is introduced gender differences.

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