**WHERE AM I? THE LITERATURE ON WOMEN AND HOUSEHOLD POVERTY**

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**ABSTRACT**

Moving from a low income, agriculture-based rural economy to a middle-income, manufacturing and service-based urban economy and now to an upper-middle-income and knowledge-based service economy shows that Malaysia has undertaken a significant economic transformation and structural change over 60 years since independence. This indicates that government are at work in trying to put in place poverty alleviation plans and policies to develop women in various sector. Since then, women’s poverty have been placed as the centre of the national political discussion and it remain unsolved. This article compiling the previous studies that have been conducted by the leading scholars on the issue based on the perspective of women poverty to overcome poverty alleviation. There are few themes that have been developed based on the literature mainly the labour force participation rate, diversification and intensification issue on women’s household and female headed household. Besides this article also highlighted a review on poverty discourse. Based on various definitions. Therefore, the main aim of this article is to identify the gap from the literature review of the poor women household in Malaysia. This literature review strive not only to educate but advocate of different avenues regarding women household poverty. A systematic literature review has been adopted in this article to find the gap of the study.

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