

Review of: "Political Economy and Ecology of International Regional Development: Indonesia Urban and Rural Development Loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB)"

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The research article is well-written and interesting. There is a merit in the paper. In my view, this manuscript can make improvements to make it a better choice for researchers as well as for policymakers. Please see below my detailed suggestions:

1. Title is appropriate and suitable.
2. Please begin the abstract by adding 2/3 lines on the background/importance of this study. Besides, mention briefly how your study adds to the literature. Please remove acronyms from abstract.
3. Why paper selects Indonesia to study? Please clearly mention does this selection have any significance in terms of area to be selected for study? If the answer is yes, this should be stated in introduction part.
4. I would request the author/s to add a brief review of past literature for a comparison with what previously have done on the subject matter. It would clearly show the significance/ contribution of the study.
5. The whole essay is quite technical. It may be easier for readers to digest if a little bit more elaboration is given to diving into the method. So Please add a paragraph explaining "Fractional polynomial regression ".
6. Results and Discussion are appropriately written.
7. Conclusion is also appropriate one. Please add study limitations.

Overall the paper is good and deserves to be published.