

Review of: "Organizing the Asian Development Bank: Radical Transformation or Degenerative Irrelevance?"

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The paper will be interested to scholars who want to get more information about the functions, structure and internal problems of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The initial points of the author's discourse are the key problems of the ADB, such as "a decade-long trend towards an increase in the gap between obligations and payments; recurring shortcomings in the quality of completed operations and the achievement of their results" and others. These problems push for the ADB transformation, but its path and methods not obvious for shareholders. The author focuses on the organizational aspects of the ADB functioning and personnel managing. But mentioning the need to adapt the organizational structure and personnel management to changes of the ADB strategy, the author confines declarations: "strategic goals should drive staffing decisions" and so on. If the reader wants to obtain information about the objectives and results of specific programs of sub-regional significance (including problem loans) and deeply understand the problems posed by the author, he should turn to other sources.