

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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Review Report on

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2. The authors have described the results and findings of their work in detail in the abstract which is not necessary. This should be concise. Moreover, the authors' suggestions for policy implications regarding ADB (Asian Development Bank) loans should be included in the abstract.
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