

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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Muhammad Ingratubun's article, "Political Economy and Ecology of International Regional Development: Indonesia Urban and Rural Development Loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB)," offers a critique of development aid and its impact on Indonesia. However, certain shortcomings in the article must be acknowledged:

1. Ingratubun's article advocates for the endogenous growth theory while critiquing prevailing theories. However, it fails to take into account alternative perspectives, potentially presenting a one-sided view. An issue that may arise is that the article does not fully explore the limitations or potential challenges in implementation with respect to the theory. Thus, a more balanced evaluation of various economic theories would enhance the credibility of the article. Related to this, the article condenses complex economic and political concepts into a relatively short format.
2. The article raises important questions about the impact of development aid and foreign currency borrowing, but it provides limited concrete policy recommendations for Indonesia or other developing nations facing similar issues. A more comprehensive section on policy implications would increase the article's practical applicability.