

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 article titled "Political Economy and Ecology of International Regional Development: Indonesia Urban and Rural Development Loans from the Asian Development Bank " is a nice article with a clear aim which the author has strongly argued. The theme is actual and interesting. There are some suggestions to enhance the quality of the paper. I hope that my comments will help the author(s) further improve the paper.

1.The first comment is related to the Abstract. The manuscript of the article is well written and easy to follow but this is not the case for the abstract. I don't know whether it is due to the effort of making the abstract concise or whether the manuscript has not gone through an editing process. If it is the latter, editing the abstract would be a good idea. The abstract should include research background, research content and methods, research results, and economic significance. This article lacks the economic significance of the research, and I hope the author can supplement it.

2.Literature review should be more clearly connected with the empirical part of the paper (it is recommended to highlight the conclusions which are important for performing the analysis and to give more comprehensive overview of previous studies; it is not enough to cite different studies without elaborating on the main aspects important for the analysis which follows).

3.The author has overlooked some important literature in this field and hopes to supplement it, such as Terrorist attacks and oil prices: A time-varying causal relationship analysis <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2022.123340> ; Defending global oil price security: Based on the perspective of uncertainty risk <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.esr.2022.100858> ; Trade Dependence, Uncertainty Expectations, and Sino-US Political Relations <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11366-022-09829-9> ; Cryptocurrency technology revolution: are Bitcoin prices and terrorist attacks related? <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40854-022-00445-3> Militarization, renewable energy utilization, and ecological footprints: Evidence from RCEP economies <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2023.136298>