

# 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 abstract is a bit too long.

In the title of subsection 1.2, remove "potential".

The introduction is not well structured. It should contain: context, purpose, methodology, expected results, outline of the paper.

A section dedicated to the state of the art is missing. If the authors use their subsection 1.1 as a state of the art, it should be more developed.

In subsection 2.1, the methods have to be presented. Not all the readers know the fractional polynomial regression.

The model has to be clearly stated: input variables, output variable...

The results and discussion section is well developed and is very long with respect to the other sections. In fact, there are many references in this section to compare the papers of the literature with the results of the authors. These references may be used to write a section dedicated to the state of the art and make this section weaker. Of course, a comparison between literature results and authors results should be kept.

Descriptive statistics are missing.

Tests and verifications before and after the model application have to be done. Before: stationarity, collinearity, ..., after: residuals normality, non-autocorrelation, homoscedasticity, ....

In the discussion, many detailed figures are presented, that is very useful.

I recommend a major modification of the paper before resubmission.