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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Comments

The topic of this article reflects a very important concern of contemporary world. The authors have performed a good work. However, there are several dimensions for significant improvement in this article. I appreciate the efforts and wish for improvement in this article. So, I directly suggest the array of improvement.

By reading the topic, one can expect that this study explores the impacts of financing from Asian Development Banks on development. It can be expected that the study explores the trends of variation between urban and rural development. In fact, the title of the paper does not match with the scope of this study. The main focus of the study is based on polynomial regression analysis of financing from Asian development Bank. The presentation of charts is mainly belonged to time-series analysis.

For the improvement in this article, it is suggested:

1. A cause-and-effect model should be established for such an analysis. If the focus of study is really to compare the effect of financing from Asian Development Bank on urban and rural development, a ‘Difference-in-difference (DinD)’ techniques can be applied. In other case, the title of the article should be modified.

2. The format and style of the text does not match with the format and style of articles in research journals. Usually, Chicago School style and APA format are followed. The style of this presentation seems a chapter in an encyclopedia. Large number of academic terms have been explained in foot notes (similar as in Wikipedia or encyclopedia styles). The references are not in alphabetical orders.

3. The serious improvement in language and formatting is required.