

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 paper has attempted to present a literature review advocating in favor of endogenous development that worked for Indonesia without sufficient data and empirical evidences. The focus of this review research is very unclear. Loans received over the years from ADB and other sources, and exchange rate over a time period are not enough to argue in favor or against endogenous vis-à-vis exogenous theory of urban and rural development. The data analysis does not reflect the fragmentation of data to explain urban and rural development. What are the purposes of ADB loans, whether exclusively invested in urban or rural projects? Whether ADB supported projects were evaluated? The evaluation results should have been presented under discussion and used for arguments to support the conclusion directly or indirectly. The conclusion is really inconclusive and confusing in favor of endogenous development of Indonesia.

The paper is not recommended for publication.