

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 makes a very compelling argument that is supported with a comprehensive data. A few improvements that can improve the paper:

1. Structure - the paper can be more concise if it focuses in either (a) how foreign loans is unnecessary or (b) that foreign loans should be denominated in local currency. Without choosing either one, the arguments portrayed in the paper seem incoherent.
2. Methodology - while there are many studies related to plunder/capital flights, depending on the preferred focus from point (1) above, the methodology can be leaner and easier to follow.
3. Data - the writers have included a well-analyzed quantitative data, so it would be better if there are more paragraphs explaining the implication of the data in more details.