



The Political Economy Framework for Natural Resource Extraction in Central African States: A Ghanaian Perspective

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Abstract

Natural resource extraction in Central African states has been a subject of significant interest within African studies, with Ghana serving as a notable case study. The political economy framework for this sector is particularly relevant due to its influence on governance and development outcomes. The analysis is grounded in a review of existing literature on political economy frameworks, supplemented by case studies from Ghana. Ethical considerations ensure that the research respects confidentiality and privacy within the study's parameters. The theoretical framework underscores the critical role of governance reforms in mitigating these negative outcomes and promoting sustainable development from resource extraction. Policy recommendations include strengthening regulatory frameworks, enhancing transparency in decision-making processes, and fostering public-private partnerships for equitable benefit-sharing. These measures are essential to ensure that natural resources contribute positively to national development goals.

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