



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Eritrea: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Natural resource extraction in Eritrea has been a topic of interest for scholars examining the political economy of Africa. A mixed-methods approach will be employed, combining semi-structured interviews with secondary data analysis of government reports and academic literature. Semi-structured interviews revealed a significant disparity in wealth distribution among different social groups in Eritrea, with some rural communities experiencing substantial income growth while others saw no change or even decline. The mixed-methods study highlights the complex interplay between government policies and local community responses to resource extraction. Policy makers should consider implementing more equitable distribution mechanisms to mitigate negative impacts on marginalized groups.

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