



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central Africa: An Egyptian Perspective

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Abstract

The political economy of natural resource extraction in Central Africa has been a subject of interest for scholars examining the role of external powers and local governance. This study focuses on Egypt's involvement in this dynamic, particularly as it pertains to Central African countries. The research employs a triangulated approach involving interviews with policymakers, industry representatives, and community leaders from both Egypt and affected Central African countries. Document analysis of official policies and reports is also conducted to provide comprehensive insights into the studied phenomena. Findings indicate that Egyptian involvement in resource extraction projects often prioritizes economic gains over sustainable development, leading to significant socio-economic disparities within host communities. The study underscores the critical need for Egypt to adopt more equitable and sustainable practices in its Central African resource ventures. Recommendations include fostering local stakeholder participation and investing in community-led initiatives. Recommendations include promoting transparent governance, enhancing community development programmes, and ensuring compliance with international labour laws and environmental standards.

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