



# The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Senegal

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## Abstract

The political economy of natural resource extraction in Central Africa has been a subject of significant scholarly interest due to its potential impact on economic development and governance structures. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, integrating quantitative data analysis with qualitative case studies to provide a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between political institutions and resource extraction policies in Senegal. Senegal's natural resources sector has seen significant investment from both local and international actors, contributing positively to GDP growth but also exacerbating income inequality and environmental degradation. This study underscores the need for robust regulatory frameworks that balance economic benefits with social equity and sustainable development goals in resource-rich countries like Senegal. Policy recommendations include strengthening oversight mechanisms, promoting equitable distribution of resources, and integrating environmental sustainability into resource management strategies.

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