

## *Natural Resources and Economic Development*

*Natural Resources and Economic Development* explores a key paradox: why is natural resource exploitation not yielding greater benefits to the poor economies of Africa, Asia and Latin America?

Part One examines this paradox both through a historical review of resource use and development and through examining current theories that explain the under-performance of today's resource-abundant economies, and proposes a frontier expansion hypothesis as an alternative explanation. Part Two develops models to analyse the key economic factors underlying land expansion and water use in developing countries. Part Three explores further the "dualism within dualism" structure of resource dependency, rural poverty and resource degradation within developing countries, and through illustrative country case studies, proposes policy and institutional reforms necessary for successful resource-based development.

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This country has become rich because nature was good to us.  
*President John F. Kennedy*  
*Speech at the University of Wyoming*  
*Laramie, Wyoming*  
*September 25, 1963*

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