

Abstract

The work focuses on the analysis of impacts and benefits of mining activities on a regional development of the main mining regions of Colombia. The socio-economic benefits of mining and its positive and negative impacts on individual actors, especially on the population, will be explored on a sample of selected mining regions. The work is based mainly upon the research of Academic Articles, Internet and Local Media News reports. The theoretical framing of the work is based mainly upon the hypothesis of the natural resources curse and the theory of Dutch disease. The analysis is based on available statistical data related to individual mining regions.

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