

Climate Policy and the Poor: Some Perspectives

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Abstract

The article explores the effects that India's climate policy will have in the context of the country's existing development problems. India is expected to face severe challenges as a result of climate change and these will disproportionately affect the poor and the most vulnerable. The country's current climate policies nevertheless adopt an approach that seems unlikely to improve conditions for the poor, unless it shifts from a top-down, growth-oriented strategy towards prioritizing access to basic goods and services as a primary policy goal.

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