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Political and Economic Development in Rural Areas of Developing Countries

Message from the Guest Editors

Rural areas in developing countries are potentially politically marginalized, i.e., receive subpar service delivery, for two reasons. First, clientelism implies political representatives offer targeted benefits to gain political support, averting broad public good provision. Second, barriers to collective action due to lack of information or coordination precludes rural groups from demanding improved service delivery. Enhancing agricultural productivity is fundamentally dependent on improving the delivery of infrastructure and services to rural areas. Despite this documented marginalization of rural areas from the provision of key services, there is emerging evidence that political are paying attention to rural areas. This Special Issue focuses on service delivery in rural areas, and recent trends in the incentives of government service providers in delivering rural services. It welcomes highly interdisciplinary quality studies from disparate research fields including agriculture, political economy, governance, environmental policy, and development and labor economics. Original research articles and reviews are accepted.

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