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Extractive Industries and Development: An Investigation into the Resource Curse Impact on Happiness, Growth, Export Diversification, and Institutions

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1. The discussion about the resource curse and its transmission mechanism is far from conclusive (This thesis).

2. The resource curse can also be perceived in the declining of happiness levels over time and across countries (This thesis).

3. Despite the loss of oil, Sudan has an opportunity for sustainable growth, Export diversification, and improvement of institutional quality (This thesis).

4. During its first decade as an independent country, South Sudan has developed high oil dependence, export concentration, and institutional degradation (This thesis).

5. The negative impact of oil on Sudan’s export diversification is significant (This thesis).

6. Despite the absence of empirical evidence the negative impact of oil on Sudan’s institutions is undeniable (This thesis).

7. Oil has played an important role on the spread of corruption in Sudan (This thesis).

8. Oil dependence has a severe impact on Sudan’s economy and institutions in comparison to the dependence on cotton and crops (This thesis).

9. The evolution of economic growth and unemployment in Sudan in the post-oil era could be attributed to the oil loss of 2011 (This thesis).

10. Gold has substituted oil as the main driver of economic growth, the major source of government revenues, and foreign currency (This thesis).

11. The Ph.D. is an experience that affects you personally and mentally. So focus, work hard and follow the instructions of your supervisors to make it enjoyable and productive.