

Climate Change: Greening Resource Courses?

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The Green Economy = the Global Economy

- Climate Change mitigation & adaptation driving energy transformation
- The Green economy – trade, high tech, manufacturing, commodity consuming, etc.
- Includes all of the Post-Fordist “distancing” in the contemporary economy

Curses, Curses!

- Resource Curse – observed correlations between national resource wealth, poor economic performance and ineffective, undemocratic governance over time
- Huge literature, huge debates...
- Lack of econ diversification, boom & bust cycles, poor governance
- It's the institutions, stupid (not the resource)

Mining Examples

- “Coltan Connections”
- “Lithium Dreams”
- “Rare Earth Geopolitics”
- “Whither the Petro-States?”

Greening the Curse?

- Still the most likely outcome, sadly
- The green economy ain't green, if it is really just products from the global economy...
- A host of state-led & non-state led ideas and initiatives with which to grapple with resource curse dynamics