

Climate Change Mitigation and Poverty Reduction (ClimiP) - Trade-Offs or Win-Win Situations?

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Climate change mitigation by curbing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is one of the biggest global challenges. Decarbonising economic development in fast-growing middle income countries is a necessity to meet this challenge. Decarbonisation may, however, have adverse effects on economic growth and hence poverty reduction. Advocates of green growth, in contrast, claim that mitigation policies will produce win-win situations. These different views will be examined in the multi-disciplinary project that investigates whether the mitigation-poverty reduction nexus is characterized by trade-offs or win-win situations. The question will be approached from a political science, economics and international relations perspective. For three middle income developing countries, Mexico, South Africa, and Thailand, the project analyses (1) the domestic climate and poverty governance systems to identify "feasible mitigation policies", (2) the poverty and distributional impacts of these policies, and (3) the global discourse on the mitigation-development-justice nexus.

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