

“Human capital, institutional and the environment”

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Abstract: We ask why some countries with a high level of institutional quality fail to mitigate environmental degradation. We show that institutional quality and human capital are complementary to each other in reducing pollution, and a lack of either would render pollution control less effective. The environmental benefits from better institutions can be better realized when quality-adjusted human capital is present. We also find that the causal association is mainly manifested in advanced economies and becomes stronger under better rule of law and control of corruption, as dimensions of institution, including proper environmental auditing, inclusive environmental preference, and anti-corruption, play crucial roles in environmental quality.

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