

CONSTRUCTING A SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE ON RESOURCE BOOM USING THE IMPACTS OF CASINO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

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This study undertakes a systematic review of the scattered literature on the impacts of casino tourism to identify commonalities across various regions and times. It then establishes a connection between the legalisation of casino gaming and the concept of resource boom, arguing that a surge in gaming is analogous to the discovery of natural resources. Current studies on resource booms focus on their dual potential to either spur or impede long-term economic growth and delve further into the mechanisms that drive these outcomes. Moving beyond this traditional framework, the research introduces a resident-centred perspective that has been largely overlooked. The experiences of local residents, as key stakeholders, are crucial to a comprehensive understanding of resource booms. By leveraging insights gained from the systematic review that documents local experiences within the context of gaming booms, this research aims to construct a social perspective on resource booms, exploring whether residents perceive living in a gaming-boom region as a 'curse' or a 'blessing'. The expected findings of this research will not only inform casino tourism policymaking but also provide a more comprehensive understanding of resource booms.

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