

Seminar Presentation: Keith Abergel, 2012-01-30

Abstract:

The presentation will examine the empirical basis for the 'resource curse' as discussed by Jeffrey Sachs and Andrew Warner, "*Natural Resource Abundance and Economic Growth*" (1995). The cross-country regression presented by Sachs & Warner indicates a strong negative correlation between natural resource abundance and economic growth over the period 1970-1989. Various causal mechanisms for this correlation have been proposed and will be briefly discussed. Subsequent criticisms relating to the robustness of the Sachs & Warner conclusion will also be addressed.

Biography:

Keith Abergel

-B.Sc Mining Engineering 2011, Queen's University

-Recipient of Alan Bauer Memorial Prize for best undergraduate thesis presentation (2011)

-M.A.Sc Mining Engineering (in progress), focus on mineral economics, mineral revenue management