



## Social Capital and Social Development in the States Relying on Rent Economy

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### Abstract

What is the relationship between social capital, which is referred to with concepts such as trust and cooperation between community members, and social development in rentier states? In the states that rely on the rent economy, where income is often obtained through an exclusive opportunity of dominating the income sources, the financial independence of the states from society shapes a kind of state and quasi-state economy. The result is that, due to the weakening of the society and its dependence on the decisions of the state and its corrupt bureaucracy, the mutual trust, transparency and competitive cooperation in the society is weakened. Hence, rent states feel no need to be accountable to society, weaken and destroy social capital as much as possible. The final result will be nothing but backwardness in social development indicators or unbalanced social development. The final consequence of this situation is that despite some quantitative indicators of social development, qualitative indicators remain deeply underdeveloped. This research will investigate the process of destruction of social capital in the states based on rent economy and its relationship with the development of social inequality or the formation of unbalanced social development with a descriptive and analytical method.

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