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CORE-PERIPHERY DEPENDENCE THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERENCE

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Clean energy technology transfer is a relevant issue regarding the environmental protection capabilities of developing nations. While environmental challenges such as climate change need to be addressed for the sake of all humankind, these countries often face strong and pressing internal problems that severely cripple their possibilities. They are usually weighted by poor economic performance and high poverty rates, sometimes even famine, or long-lasting civil wars. Moreover, their economy may revolve mainly around agriculture and the education systems may be underfunded and lacking financial and material resources, as well as facilities. The combination of mostly rural uneducated population poses a great obstacle for the production, development, and management of certain technologies. Some countries simply lack the human resources to appropriately manage and repair clean energy technologies. Therefore, clean energy technology transfer should be more considerate, as addressed in the article ‘Trade in clean energy technologies: sliding from protection to protectionism through obligations for technology transfer in climate change law, or Vice Versa?’, both dimensions, the material and technical one, should be considered. If only the physical components are to be transferred, it could generate disadvantageous situations, where developing countries become stuck in a core-periphery aid dependency relation, where developed nation’s materials and experts are constantly required. Technical transference is an imperative in order to promote the creation of a technical body of personnel devoted to the maintenance, production, and development of clean energy technologies to ensure the independence of the receiving nations.



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