Coping with oil revenues

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1980s: financialization of energy

- Globalization of the oil market
- Oil market's exposure to financial markets
- Oil glut of 1985
- Falling prices reveal macro-economic importance of oil



Lecture outline

- Developing countries, oil and state-building
- Developed countries, oil and changes in economy

Developing countries: the resource extractive state concept

- Hossein Mahdavy (1970): The Pattern and Problems of Economic Development in Rentier States: The Case of Iran.
- Presumption: Tax extraction and redistribution is the core of the Government people relationship.

The backbone of modern state building...



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...altered by oil-revenues
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Export structure, the case of Angola



"Tree map export 2009 Angola" by R Haussmann, Cesar Hidalgo, et. al. - Electronic Complexity Observatory, MIT Media Lab and the Center for International Development at Harvard University.

Oil and gas exports as a share of government income

• South Sudan 98% 97% • Iraq • Eastern Timor 94% Bahrain 91% • Libya 91% • Alaska 90% • Saudi Arabia 90% • Kuwait 83% • Angola 79% • Azerbaijan 74% • Algeria 70% • Nigeria 70% • Gabon 64% 53% • Qatar

Iran 50%
Trinidad & Tobago 44%
Kazakhstan 39%
Mexico 33%
Russia 28%
Camerun 25%
Egypt 10%

Pacification: the "stick" and "carrot" way



The "stick" pacification

- Government policies centered around its physical survival
- The legitimacy is derived from arms expenses (defence against internal and external enemies)
- Revaluated currency
- Oil revenue distributed within the governing strata only (cronyism)
- Domestic problems ignored or delegated to the international community
- Benefits for the population practically non-existent

External enemy, the case of Chad

- 4/75 president Tombalbaye (1960-1975) calls for national disobedience, fearing a coup
- 4/75 president Tombalbaye is killed in a coup supported by France (in reaction to the U.S. oil companies finding oil in the country)
- President Habré (1982-1990) supports the U.S. companies in exchange for protection from the U.S.
- President Déby (since 1990) former close collaborator of president Habré, supported by France he removes Habré from the office and awards oil exploration/production licenses to French companies.

Domestic problems and benefits for the population

Angola

- Oil production 2000-2004: 0.75 mbd => 1.2 mbd
- Approx. 1 billion USD/year diverted from the government budget (according to Global Witness)
- Humanitarian crisis 2000-2004 at the end of the civil war (1975-2002): millions of people survived only due to the international aid (World Food Program)

Nigeria

- Oil revenues 1984-2009: 300 mld. USD
- Average income in 2009: 1 USD/day
- In real terms: average income in 2003 was lower than in 1960

The "carrot" pacification

- Typical for consolidated regimes
- Main threat stemming from cross-generation cohesion (the young need to accept the regime)
- Maximum benefits for the population

Gasoline prices, 09-Oct-2017 (liter, U.S. Dollar)

Benefits for the population

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- Education
- Healthcare
- Accommodation
- Heavily subsidized
 - Energy
 - Gasoline
- Retirement
 - 80% of salary after 20 years in public sector
- Taxes
 - Non-existent

Division of labor according to citizenship:

- UAE
 - 0% of foreigners in the public administration
 - 0.04% of the UAE citizens in the private sector
- Average sallary in Bahrain 2008:
 - Citizens: 15,000 USD/y
 - Foreigners: 5,000 USD/y

Venezuela	0.01
Saudi Arabia	0.24
Turkmenistan	0.29
<u>Algeria*</u>	0.31
Iran	0.35
Kuwait*	0.35
Egypt*	0.37
Ecuador	0.39
Uzbekistan	0.41
Nigeria	0.41
Bahrain	0.42
Syria	0.44
Qatar*	0.46
Kazakhstan	0.47
Malaysia*	0.52
Tr.&Tobago	0.52
Oman*	0.53
Bolivia*	0.53
UA Emirates*	0.54
	0.55
Burma_	0.61
<u>Kyrgyzstan*</u>	0.62
Mongolia Balanua*	
<u>Belarus*</u>	0.63
Indonesia*	0.63
Iraq_	0.64
Afghanistan	0.67
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	0.68
Russia*	0.69

Russia

Developed countries: Dutch disease

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The Netherlands after vast natural gas exploitation in the 1960s.

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Oil exports commence

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Nontradable

Tradable

Nontradable (services) Tradable 1 (industry)



New expanding tradable sector emerges



Direct deindustrialization: workforce movement



Indirect deindustrialization 1: workforce movement



Indirect deindustrialization 2: price difference induces currency appreciation that hinders tradable goods exports

Dutch disease: summary



Dutch disease: some statistics

Gylfason, T. (2001): 162 countries, 1965-1998:

+ 3% of export in the expanding sector => - 1% of total export

+ 5% workforce in the expanding sector => - 1% of foreign direct investment

Dutch disease: some statistics

Mehrara, M (2008): 13 oil exporters, 1965-2005:

Growth in oil revenues:

- smaller than 18% per year: + 10% in oil revenues => + 1,3% other GDP
- larger than 18% per year: + 10% in oil revenues => 2.1 % other GDP

Growth in "other" export, 1980-2000

East Asia and Pacific	212%
Botswana	139%
Chile	99%
Iran	46%
Norway	15%
Camerun	0%
Venezuela	-8%
Algeria	-17%
Nigeria	-24%
Kongo	-52%

Stevens, Dietsch (2008): Resource curse: An analysis of causes, experiences and possible ways forward.

Findings

In developing countries, oil revenues can amplify existing conflicts, destabilize societes and prevent state-building and institutions-building from taking place. Alternatively, it can conserve societies in economically underdeveloped, yet welfare abundant state of being.

In developed (industrialized) countries, oil revenues can compromise the added value-producing industries and alter the economic development of a country.

Oil is good, when:

- Strong institutions exist before it is developed
- Oil revenues come gradually
- Oil revenues are managed thoughtfully