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Uluslararası Finansal Bir Kuruluş Olarak Dünya Bankasının Çevre Üzerindeki Etkileri / The Environmental Effects of the World Bank as an International Institution

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ABSTRACT

The World Bank has founded to achieve certain financial aims, basically “so as to provide developing countries with support and appropriate credits for their investments”. According to its foundation objectives, the Bank has a crucial role in the expansion of free market principles by using the power it holds, i.e., its role in transforming the natural values into commodity values. On the other hand, throughout the decades, the World Bank seems to be shifting focal point, environmental policies are prominent examples of this transformation. The Bank’s environmental policies grow out from two different basis. First one is the realization of the correlation between environmental degeneration and poverty, the other one is the increasing difficulties in the repairment of the environmental drawbacks of the World Bank projects in the various areas such as energy, industry, infrastructure and agriculture. In this paper, the rationale behind the World Bank’s interest in environment and the circumstantial changes that has stimulated this interest will be in question. The grant scale projects financed by the World Bank causing enviromental and social problems is another conflicting point which will be addressed throughout the study.

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