

Institutional Change, Resource Use, and Economic Performance: A Study of the Pastoral Nomads of Balochistan

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Abstract

The paper is based on a study of two groups of animal raising tribes who own common-tribal rangeland resources along the Suleiman mountain ranges of the Balochistan province of Pakistan. The two groups share the same physical environment, natural resource base, and animal farming technology, but differ in their systems of property rights, and in resource use related aspects of tribal, family, and religious institutions. The paper looks at the impact of the two types of institutional arrangements on resource use and productivity.

An analysis of institutions shows that while traditional institutions provide incentives to limit resource use and avoid depletion, no such constraining incentives exist under the changed institutional environment. It is concluded that one way to alleviate the situation would be to strengthen traditional resource use related institutions where they have weakened and build structures that hold the traditional concepts of cooperation where the same have disintegrated.

The Baloch Issue

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Abstract

The Baloch issue in the contemporary history is becoming more and more salient considering the geopolitical and strategic importance of the region. Particularly in Pakistan this issue becomes crucial for the future of the whole region since almost majority of the worldwide Baloch live in that country. Are the Baloch entitled to have their own state, as it is argued by the Baloch nationalist?

To address these questions, this paper seeks to place the current Baloch problem in the broader context of history, regional relations and the geopolitics in the South Asia. Examining the experiences that the Baloch have undergone since the advent of the British Raj, the paper discusses its implications for the Balochs' struggle to the right to self-determination. At last, attempt will be made to explain and analyze, why the Baloch have remained a forgotten people among the world community.

The Role of Baloch Tribes in the making of Persian Empire before the Dawn of Islam: A historical sketch

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Abstract:

A lot of books are available in the market about the history of Baloch and Balochistan. This topic was always important for researchers, readers, historians and intellectuals, but now-a-days it has sharper. In the available sources the historians gave different opinions about the origin and the geography of Baloch tribes. This is true that all these historians have their own opinion, which are different to the others, but all these historians accept the significant role of the Baloch tribes in the making of Persian Empire before the dawn of Islam. After the Aryan invasion many Aryan and non-Aryan groups established their government in the different parts of Persia. Medians Achamaneans ,Parthians and Sasanids groups ruled over Persia, before, the dawn of Islam, and made greatest Empire in the world and Persia got place in history. In the era of these groups the Persian civilization reached on peak, and the Persian Empire had been made super power of his time.

The objectives behind this study are to search the Baloch tribes with their significant role in history. This study is descriptive in nature and the Primary and Secondary, both kind sources were consulted for the purpose.