

Rendering climate change governable

- Discourses shape how CC is viewed as an issue to be governed
- Study explored roles of policy narratives and expertise in making CC governable in LDCs with illustrations from Cambodia



Forum for Development Studies, 2014
Vol. 41, No. 3, 351–376, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08039410.2014.962599>

 Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group

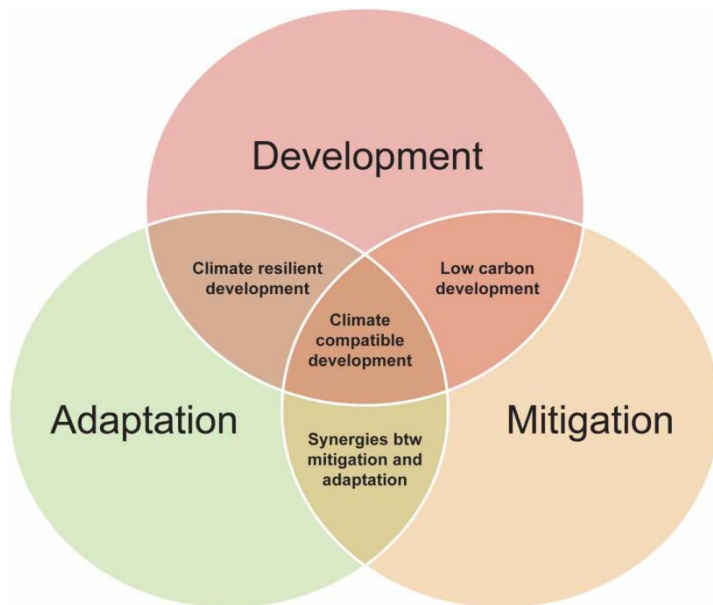
Rendering Climate Change Governable in the Least-Developed Countries: Policy Narratives and Expert Technologies in Cambodia

Mira Kähkönen^a, Louis Lebel^b, Kamilla Karhunmaa^c, Va Dany^d and Thuon Try^e

Patterns

Policy Narratives

- Mitigation is compatible with sustained economic growth (Low carbon)



Expert Technologies

- CC complex so assume high reliance on scientific knowledge, tools & technologies
 - Certified emission credits
 - Carbon content
 - Carbon accounting
- Lots of work for northern experts

Findings

- Policy narratives of donor dominate, but are co-opted by national government
- Responses are framed in technical terms that draw on expert knowledge, tools and technologies
- Mitigation viewed through currency of carbon credits downplays other ecosystem services and values
- Combination of donor-driven policy narratives and expert technologies de-politicizes CC

Policy Narratives  **Expert Technologies**  **Governable**

Future research

- What new dependencies on northern expertise and technologies have been created?
- How can opportunities for meaningful public engagement in shaping national responses to CC be created and supported?