



### REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: LE BOOM MINIER FACE AUX MUTATIONS SOCIO- ECONOMIQUES ET SON IMPACT SUR LA DEPRAVATION MORALE**

**Recommendation:  
Accept after minor revision**

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓,		
Techn. Quality		✓,		
Clarity	✓,			
Significance	✓,			

**Reviewer Name: Abdul Haseeb Mir**

#### Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript titled "**LE BOOM MINIER FACE AUX MUTATIONS SOCIO-ECONOMIQUES ET SON IMPACT SUR LA DEPRAVATION MORALE**" explores the critical intersection between political economy, structural changes, and moral degradation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The study focuses heavily on the intense resource extraction occurring across resource-rich regions, specifically the provinces of Haut-Katanga, Lualaba, Tanganyika, North Kivu, Maniema, and South Kivu.

The primary scope of the narrative centers on evaluating how the contemporary mining boom—driven by global green energy demand for copper, cobalt, coltan, lithium, and tin—acts as a catalyst for severe societal dislocations. Rather than fostering sustainable developmental pathways, the author argues that current corporate and geopolitical frameworks facilitate resource plunder, resulting in unchecked demographic expansions and deep structural crises.

The paper relies on a qualitative, historical-descriptive analytical framework rather than an empirical quantitative design. It builds its arguments on secondary historical documentation, international organizational reports, and localized socio-political commentary. The structural foundation of the paper includes:

- **Historical Case Trajectory:** Tracing the roots of privatization back to 1995 under Prime Minister Kengo Wa Dondo's administration, which implemented structural adjustment mandates driven by the World Bank.



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- **Comparative Political Economy:** Analyzing the dual, conflicting economic structures within the DRC—specifically the tensions between state-backed large-scale industrial operations and highly precarious, unregulated artisanal extraction.
- **Socio-Anthropological Critique:** Assessing local societal shifts through a conceptual lens that links rapid economic migration, infrastructural deficits, corporate-state collusion, and systemic poverty directly to moral decay and sexual disorder.

The central finding of the manuscript reveals that the Congolese mining boom yields deeply extractive socio-economic outcomes. Industrially, multinational actors operate with high levels of localized impunity, frequently leveraging state military apparatuses to suppress local dissent and secure concessions. Socially and morphologically, artisanal extraction zones have triggered rapid, chaotic population growth characterized by substandard makeshift settlements, child labor, systemic financial exploitation via altered weight metrics, and widespread transactional sexual economies.

The paper's primary contribution lies in its fierce ethical critique of the global transition economy, drawing direct parallels between modern mineral supply chains and the historical transatlantic slave trade. By framing the current state of globalization as a direct threat to basic human rights and local dignity, the work offers a valuable polemical perspective for scholars of African political economy, subaltern studies, and resource-curse sociology.

### Suggestions for Improvement

- **Structure the Continuous Narrative with Standardized Academic Headings:** The text currently shifts directly from thematic observations to extensive historical critiques without systematic structural demarcations. Reorganize the manuscript using formal academic headings such as "**Introduction,**" "**Theoretical Framework,**" "**Historical Background of Mining Privatization,**" "**Comparative Analysis of Industrial and Artisanal Sectors,**" "**Socio-Moral Implications,**" and "**Policy Interventions.**"
- **Incorporate a Visual Typology Diagram of the Dual Mining Economy:** Introduce a comparative structural flowchart or conceptual diagram. This chart should visually contrast the structural inputs, operational actors, state protection levels, and localized societal impacts of the *Exploitation Artisanale* versus the *Exploitation Industrielle* as outlined in the text.
- **Introduce an Empirical Demographic and Geographic Mapping Table:** Create a comprehensive reference table detailing the six core mining provinces mentioned (Haut-Katanga, Lualaba, Tanganyika, North Kivu, Maniema, and South Kivu). The table should map each province against its primary extracted minerals, estimated numbers of artisanal miners



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(*creuseurs*), and known regional infrastructural deficits to anchor the descriptive narrative in clear spatial data.

- **Provide a Detailed Statistical Matrix of World Bank Restructuring Outcomes:** Expand section three by introducing a clear statistical table summarizing the financial and human costs of the 2003 Gécamines voluntary departure program. The matrix must explicitly contrast the \$43 million USD World Bank allocation against the legally mandated \$125 million USD social convention requirement, broken down by individual severance brackets (\$1,900 to \$30,000 USD) and the 10,500 affected employees.
- **Deepen the Theoretical Engagement with Post-Colonial and Resource-Curse Literature:** Elevate the academic rigor of the manuscript by explicitly grounding the discussion within established political and economic theories. Incorporate references to Frantz Fanon's socio-psychological theories of post-colonial alienation, or modern economic concepts of the "Resource Curse" and "Unproductive Rent-Seeking" to balance the highly descriptive, polemical passages.
- **Substantiate Claims of Military and Religious Collusion with External Evidence:** The arguments regarding military-enforced corporate impunity and the tactical deployment of *églises du réveil* (revival churches) to pacify local resistance are compelling but require stronger empirical backing. Cite specific independent human rights reports, NGO investigations, or sociological studies to validate these claims of structural exploitation.
- **Refine and Contextualize Policy Recommendations:** Section four features excellent structural recommendations, but they need practical elaboration. Expand the bulleted list into a comprehensive, analytical narrative discussing the institutional, legal, and economic barriers to enforcing child labor bans, building localized processing plants, or compelling multinational corporations to invest in mechanized agriculture.
- **Conduct a Thorough Technical Copyediting and Language Harmonization Pass:** Because the manuscript transitions from an English abstract into a French narrative, ensure all technical terms, quotes, and punctuation layouts remain consistent throughout. Correct minor typographical errors, standardize paragraph spacing, and fix layout fragments before final compilation.
- **Unify and Standardize Parenthetical In-Text Citations:** Audit the manuscript to ensure all embedded citations adhere strictly to a single international academic style sheet (such as APA 7th edition or Chicago Manual of Style). Eliminate non-standard bracket systems and uniform formatting across footnotes.
- **Reformat the Reference Bibliography for Full Bibliographic Integrity:** Review the final reference list to ensure absolute consistency. Reformat all eleven entries to provide complete



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### Recommendation for Publication

I recommend this manuscript for **publication with major revision**. The paper tackles a highly critical, deeply damaging aspect of the global green energy transition by centering the structural and moral displacement of local populations in the DRC. The historical contextualization of mining sector privatization is well-conceived. However, to meet international publication standards, the author must convert the highly descriptive, polemical tone into a structured academic narrative, incorporate empirical data tables to support the historical and financial claims, and systematically standardize the citation and bibliographic infrastructure. Addressing these points will significantly increase the manuscript's academic impact.