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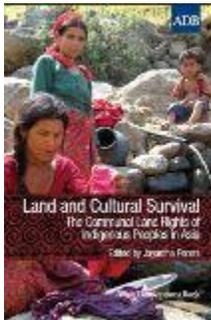
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WEB ALERT

“HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”

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"Land and Cultural Survival: The Communal Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Asia"

Asian Development Bank. 2009, 248 pages.

The report examines indigenous people and their communal land management, focusing on how some Asian countries recognize indigenous people's environmental interests and land rights, and engage them in the development discourse. Using case studies from Cambodia, India, Malaysia, and the Philippines, nine experts examine vulnerabilities and opportunities of indigenous peoples. Debunking the notion of tradition as an obstacle to modernization, they find that those who keep control of their communal lands are the ones most able to adapt.

Full text currently available at:

<http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/Land-Cultural-Survival/land-cultural-survival.pdf>

"Indigenous Peoples Rights and the Environment: Issues and the Future"

[Melinda Janki](#). High Level Expert Meeting on the New Future of Human Rights and Environment: Moving the Global Agenda Forward, Draft Paper, November 30-December 1, 2009, 21 pages.

The author examines the impact of economic development on the indigenous peoples, focusing on the rights of indigenous peoples to the natural resources on their lands, including the right to participate in management and conservation of those resources.

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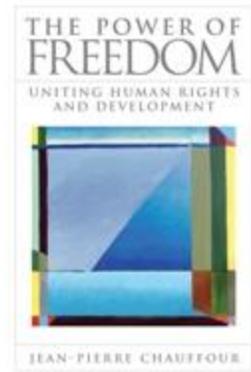
<http://www.unep.org/environmentalgovernance//LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=gUAoSfFdNG8%3d&tabid=2046&language=en-US>

“The Power of Freedom: Uniting Human Rights and Development”

Jean-Pierre Chauffour and [Susan Aaronson](#). The Cato Institute, April 23, 2009.

Are the quests for human rights and economic development compatible? The author takes the development and human rights communities to task for working at cross purposes and often advocating policies that violate basic rights, whether those rights are economic freedoms or broader issues of personal choice. He examines how the two traditions can be reconciled by empowering people with economic, civil, and political liberty.

Audio and video only; no transcript. Available online at:
<http://www.cato.org/event.php?eventid=6082>



WEB RESOURCES

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

<http://www.adb.org>

ADB is an international development finance institution whose mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people.

Cato Institute

<http://www.cato.org/>

The Cato Institute is a non-profit public policy research foundation headquartered in Washington, D.C. that seeks to broaden the parameters of public policy debate to allow for consideration of the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets and peace. (Last update on January 23, 2009)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

<http://www.unep.org>

UNEP provides leadership and encourages partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.



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