

## Social Effects of Infrastructure

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While there is a long history of studying the social impacts of development projects, the social effects of infrastructure in the narrow sense – that is the material and organizational foundations of development – are rarely investigated. The presentation will address some of the known effects of development and its infrastructure, without focusing on the technicalities of social impact assessments. It will conclude with a summary of research needs regarding human-infrastructure interactions.