

Abstract

This study attempts to problematize the developmentalist notions of Gwadar Port as a mega development project that necessarily brings prosperity to all its inhabitants. In doing so, it is argued that this project of modernization is marked by non-participatory development and therefore, the local population has invariably demonstrated their concerns regarding ethnic identity, cultural marginalization, and access to employment other economic opportunities. Quantitative research methods were used to collect relevant data and the statistical analysis techniques were used to analyze the collected data. The findings revealed that the local people have serious fears and anxieties regarding the developments taking place with the development of Gwadar as a mega port city. The fishing community fears that the newly constructed fish harbor will dislocate their traditional fishing areas thus endangering their only source of livelihood. The local people believe that the influx of people from other provinces may cause a demographic shift against the indigenous people. In concluding analysis, it may well be suggested that the federal and provincial governments work closely to bridge the rapidly widening trust-deficit sooner than later so that a mutually coordinated pace towards development can be attained at best.