

# Lithium: Driving Sustainable Development?



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New energy markets are creating a new generation of high-value commodities like lithium for batteries. Can developing countries that supply these commodities carve use this opportunity to drive sustainable development? Or will these countries suffer yet another iteration of the resource curse? This talk explores these questions through the history of lithium extraction, markets, and supply chains in Chile and Argentina. *This talk is part of a larger series, "Energy and Society: Communities of Energy in Transition."*

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