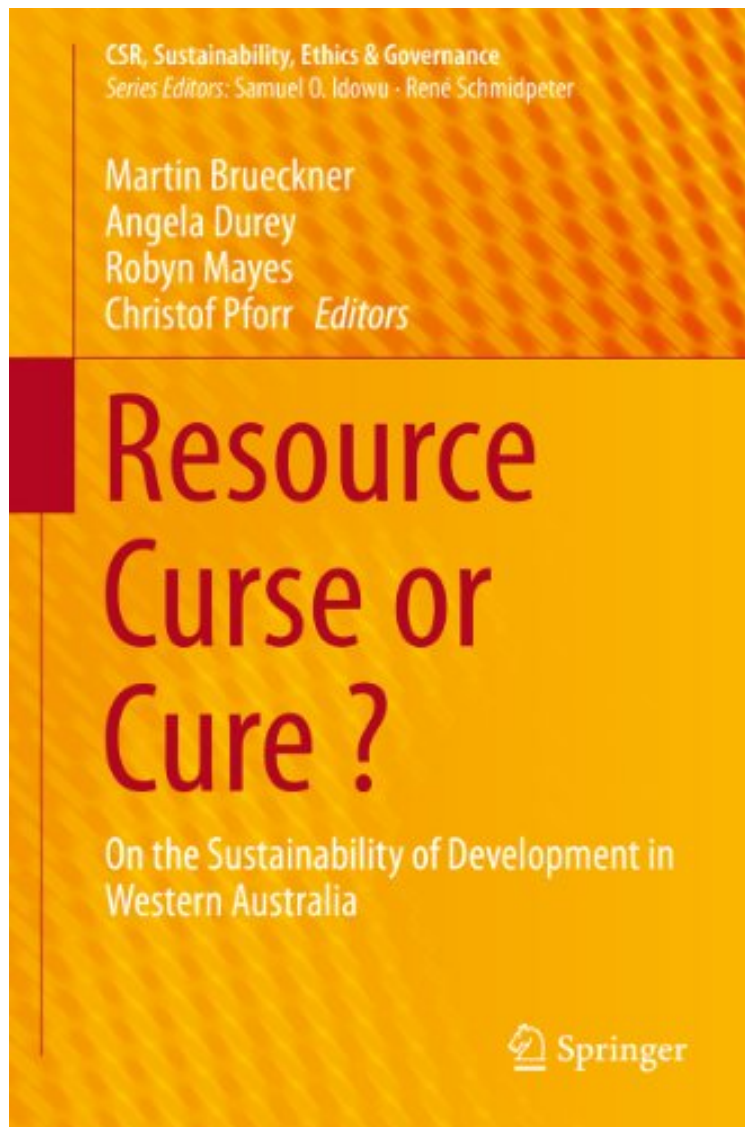


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Resource Curse or Cure? is an excellent addition to the body of critical work on the Australian resource sector. A non-specialist in the Australian mining industry would find the book a great introduction to the key issues, while a veteran scholar on the industry would find a useful synthesis, an update and a repository of new data. (Franklin Obeng-Odoom, *Economic Record*, Vol. 91 (292), March, 2015) This book provides a thought-provoking, research-based and refreshing view of economic, social and environmental sustainability in the resources industry. It will be useful for policy-makers, regulatory authorities, industry members and researchers in Western Australia and could also be valuable to such groups in other regions and countries heavily reliant on extracting natural resources. (Philippa Vojnovic, *Australasian Journal of Environmental Management*, Vol. 22 (1), March, 2015)

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