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Abstract:

Our paper explores the various facets of how Brazil plans to meet its growth potential through investing in and developing its lagging infrastructure while simultaneously preserving its diverse and unique environment. The country is cutting some corners in its efforts to meet economic growth. In terms of infrastructure investment and environmental regulation, the country seems reticent to dwell on the complex tradeoffs that some observers foresee. Specifically, regulations governing the environment are being overlooked in the name of progress. Ultimately, the Brazilian government can take positive steps by enacting particularized enforcement policies, clarifying the relationship between its environmental and economic priorities, and showing polluters that they cannot simply delay away regulation.