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Summary

The research focuses on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), a soft law instrument aiming to increase transparency in the management of revenues from natural resources. More specifically, the dissertation explores the conditions under which countries are more likely to adopt the EITI, how and why specific countries carry out an ambitious or “extensive” implementation of the instrument, and how the configuration of stakeholder positions (government, companies, and civil society) impacts the type of implementation activities in the selected critical cases (Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan). The research also examines new developments in transparency regulation on natural resource governance, such as the increase in EITI mandatory requirements, and mandatory extensive reporting for the extractive companies, as required by recent US and EU law making.