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The objective of this thesis is to study the relationship between the influence of the World Bank and Thailand's approach to economic development which has been formulated by the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), by using the Pak Mun Dam construction as a case study.

The methodology of this study is documentary research. Relevant data includes World Bank documents concerning Thailand's developmental approach and the 1, 5 and 8 National Economic and Social Development Plans. The relationship between two actors is examined by employing structural analysis.

The findings from this study indicate that, the need for loans to develop the country has created conditions for the Thai government to formulate a developmental approach along the World Bank conditionalities which emphasize on the construction of physical infrastructures such as Pak Mun Dam as a basis for future economic growth. The thesis also highlights how internal and external developments have forced the World Bank to shift its developmental approach from growth to growth with equity, and later to growth with sustainable environment. Consequently, these approaches have also been employed in Thailand. The thesis concludes that the Pak Mun Dam case study is the result of the Thailand's developmental approaches which have formulated along the World Bank conditionalities.

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