

Abstract

This thesis demonstrates the encountering of various discourses on salt and potash. It traces the emergences of these discourses back to their genealogical backgrounds embodied in governments, public policies, laws and regulations, business enterprises, local scholars, and villagers. Although the thesis does not present the solution to the problem of salt and potash management, its main concern is all about the confrontation of those discourses. This is because the latter establish the truth of salt and potash in a social recognition.