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Abstract	<p>Insights and conclusions of this study are based on an analysis of a prominent case in Taiwan: the planning and decision making of the Free Port Initiative for Kaohsiung, one of the leading harbors in the world. Generally speaking, political coalitions are critical because of their importance in passing and implementing major policy initiatives. This study utilizes the theory of advocacy coalition framework in order to analyze the policy implementation of Taiwan's free port policy. The author then presents three phases of analysis: the pre-policymaking period (from 1990 to October 2002), the policymaking period (from October 2002 to July 2003), and the policy implementation period (from July 2003 to the present). Two belief systems-the limited development and the broad participation coalition-are also illustrated. The paradox of the free port policy is that the Taiwan government uses a top-down and one-size-fits-all policy direction to mandate a bottom-up implementation approach.</p>
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