

Underdeveloping the Amazon

**Extraction, Unequal Exchange,
and the Failure of the Modern State**

Stephen G. Bunker

University of Illinois Press *Urbana and Chicago*

Contents

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	ix
<i>Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations</i>	xi
<i>Glossary of Words and Phrases in Portuguese Used in the Text</i>	xiii
Introduction	1
1. Energy Values in Unequal Exchange and Uneven Development	20
2. Extractive Economies and the Degradation of Natural and Human Environments	58
3. The Modern State, Capitalist Expansion, and Amazonian Extraction	77
4. The Limits of State Power on an Extractive Periphery	101
5. Power Differentials between Agencies and the Distortion of State Programs	124
6. The Cost of Modernity: Complex Bureaucracy and the Failure of the Colonization Program	149
7. Collaboration, Competition, and Corruption in Two Colonization Projects	180
8. The Failure of Cooperatives	199
9. Modernizing Land Tenure	222
Conclusion	238
<i>Bibliography</i>	256
<i>Index</i>	277