

Transformation of Cities

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Abstract

There are more than 190 countries in the world today. They come in all shapes and sizes. Approximately more than half of the world's population live in urban areas. The main reason of this situation is location of economic activities. Because, they all face with different economic conditions, urbanization also occurs in different speeds and different forms in countries. In order to survive in today's economic environment, cities begin to transform rapidly. As the rate of urbanization increase, United Nations put the goal of making cities sustainable in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This paper focuses on transformation of cities under the perspective of urban concentration. Panel data analysis is used in order to investigate transformation of cities. Furthermore, why the rate of urbanization shows differences between countries are investigated. A large set of explanatory factors includes economic, social and environmental factors are considered. Therefore, methodological choice of this paper allows not only put forward to transformation of cities but also provide explanation on why rate of urbanization show differences among countries.

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