

Review of: "State-led Development and Youth Unemployment in the Arab and non-Arab Countries"

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Article titled »State-led Development and Youth Unemployment in the Arab and non-Arab Countries« focuses on youth unemployment in Arab and non-Arab countries through Salehi-Isfahani's projection from 2012. Based on a 10 years panel data from 13 Arab countries and 87 non-Arab countries authors provide several important insights, above all that 1.) state-led development increases youth unemployment in Arab and non-Arab countries, and 2.) youth unemployment to be less challenging for countries within Gulf Cooperation Council when compared to non GCC countries. Analysis and findings present a valuable insight into youth unemployment within the region that is yet to be fully researched and compared with the rest of the world.

Article is relatively simple in its design and analytical execution which does not diminish its contribution. However, several improvements could be made:

- Since introduction and discussion also refer to EU countries this part of the article could be upgraded (e.g. YOUTH STUDIES SEE 2018/2019 available at: <https://www.fes.de/en/youth-studies/>)
- EMPIRICAL MODEL would benefit from stronger argumentation WHY these (and not other) specific indicators were used and how they play into the whole model
- Discussion could be upgraded by actually discussing findings (not merely listing them and referring to other studies)
- Limitations of the empirical data, analysis and results should be added
- Article would benefit from another round of language editing (e.g. "In the Arab countries, In the case of Arab countries, the increase in youth unemployment can be explained by a bloated government...")

Based on these comments I suggest the authors to revise and resubmit the article.