

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

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Dear Dr Mina,

I found your article quite enlightening.

Below are my recommendations,

"We present the fixed effects estimation results for the Arab countries in table 5. The top panel shows the results for high-income countries, while the lower panel shows the results for middle-income countries" As I understood, you used fixed effects instead of random effects to examine time varying changes, presuming not much cross country variations. I would suggest to expand this part to make the justification of fixed effects. As far as I can see, even in similar income groups youth unemployment rate varies alot (Table 2) I think there are country specific factors that affect youth unemployment, and random effects model could be tested. When we consider the time span of data (10 years), fixed effects might not be appropriate.

Sincerely,

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