

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

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I have reviewed your work and have a few suggestions for improvement in the method section. It would better for the analytical framework to present your descriptive statistics after the literature review. This will enable your readers to better understand the data and draw meaningful conclusions from your analysis.

Instead of relying on a fixed effects model, I suggest that you employ a pooled cross-sectional time-series with clustered units, or random effects. Please ensure that you perform the necessary checks for OLS violations or use a random-effects model.

It would be helpful if you could provide the full sample of non-Arab countries in the supplementary material. A more detailed analysis of method should be in the supplementary material and data.

Lastly, while employing different time-series models, please check for interactions among different variables. This will help to identify any potential relationships between/among your IVs and controls.

Overall, I recommend revising and providing more explanation on the method section to ensure that your research is well-structured.

Best regards,