

Peer Review

Review of: "Social Capital and National Innovativeness – The Influence of Trust and Tolerance on the National Capacity to Innovate"

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The paper makes a useful contribution by incorporating tolerance alongside trust in a model of social capital and testing its relationship to national innovativeness.

One area to address is the sample size. With 48 countries, the analysis is limited, and missing data tend to come from developing countries with weaker institutions. It would strengthen the paper to discuss more explicitly how this selection bias might affect the findings, or to outline how future work could address this gap as more data become available.

Moreover, the literature review sections on trust and tolerance are thorough but lengthy. Some consolidation would help the paper's core argument come through more clearly without losing the conceptual grounding.

Declarations

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