

investigating the presence of convergence across these In this paper we shed light on the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) by empirically Abstract  
six countries, over a period (1983–2011). In this period  
there are significant events that affected these countries, including different episodes of expansions and  
recessions, fluctuations of oil prices, Gulf Wars (I, II, and III) and the 2008 financial crisis. In line with  
numerous studies on convergence, we use cross-state regressions to determine the existence or lack of  
convergence among the GCC countries. The empirical tests give some support to absolute and conditional  
 $\beta$ -convergence; however we don't find significant evidence of  $\sigma$ -convergence.  
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