

## **Report on “Testing the convergence hypothesis for OECD countries: a reappraisal”**

This paper reviews the empirical studies based on convergence and shows that several limitations in the literature can be addressed by using quantile regressions, where upper-quantile countries are shown to have faster convergence.

The question/topic of the paper is interesting, but the paper should be improved regarding the text. My comments are in arbitrary order below.

- The introduction should be extended and rewritten with more details in order to motivate the reader. In its current format, it looks too technical. We rather need more economic intuition behind this discussion, which can be connected to some of the existing literature based on theory (as you have in the second section). In a related note, writing one sentence per paragraph does not seem to be a good writing style, where important details are (apparently) ignored. Please have a look at other related studies in the literature that have been published; they may provide you a better aspect for the writing style.
- How is the methodology in Section 3 selected? How is it connected to the discussions in Section 2? More discussion is necessary here.
- The empirical results (3.3) should also be connected to the existing literature regarding the economic intuition. In its current format, again, the discussion of the results is too technical, without providing any good economic story.
- If the claim of the paper is that it is a review of existing studies, the coverage is not enough; you should discuss more papers. If the claim is that quantile regressions are important, then the text should be revised accordingly. In sum, I don't believe that the paper achieves what is proposed in the abstract.
- Overall, the whole paper needs to be rewritten to make the contribution of the paper connected better to the existing literature.