

PSCI 4012

Global Development

Regional Perspectives: Africa and MENA

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Today's Plan

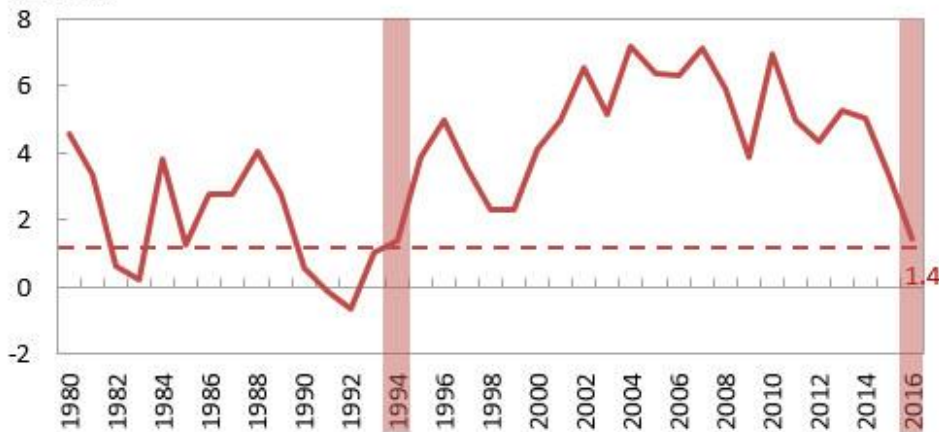
- Underdevelopment in Sub-Saharan Africa
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- How to make progress?

Underdevelopment in Sub-Saharan Africa

Chart 1

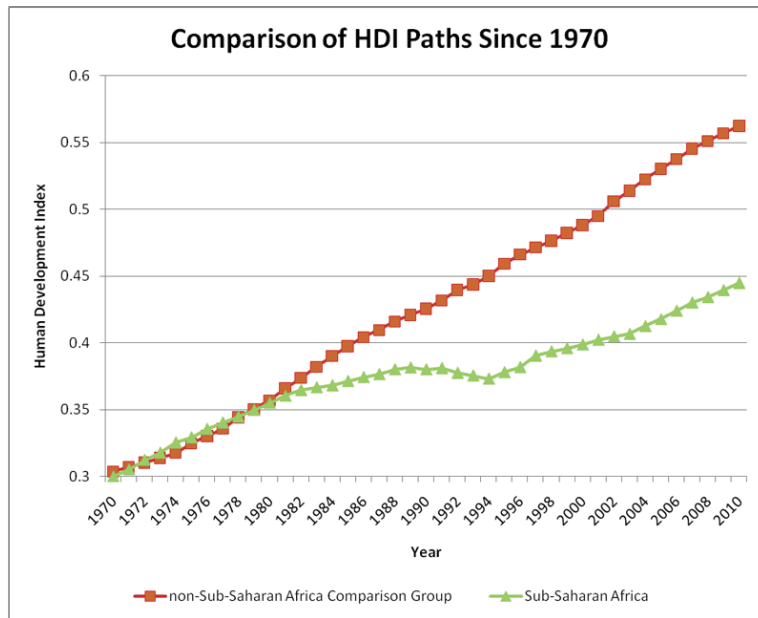
Real GDP Growth in sub-Saharan Africa is at its lowest level since 1994.

(Percent)



Source: World Economic Outlook database.

Underdevelopment in Sub-Saharan Africa



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History of underdevelopment in Africa

- Colonial era : extreme poverty and no progress across the continent
- Postwar decolonization : progress has started after colonization, but it was very slow
- Cold War era : volatile and slow growth
- Post-Cold War era : remarkable growth during 2000s, but not sustainable

Underdevelopment in Sub-Saharan Africa

Candidate explanations of underdevelopment in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Interpersonal trust
- Institutions
- Ethnic fractionalization
- Geography
- Globalization
- Leadership
- Economic policies
- Infrastructure

How to make progress?

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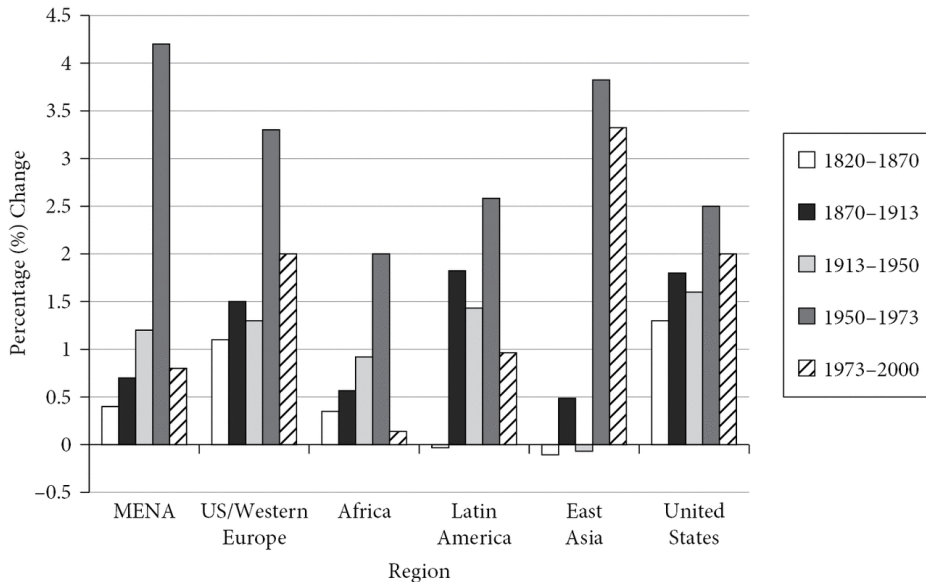
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How to make progress?

- Development in Africa
 - “For African states, institutional change is crucial for changing economic paths. The liabilities of clientelist rule, economic crisis, and neoliberal reform have been evident. The institutional threshold needed for economic transition, however, remains a central question” (Lewis, 2018)
- What kind of institutional change strategy will work better in Africa? Incremental or large-scale?

Underdevelopment in MENA

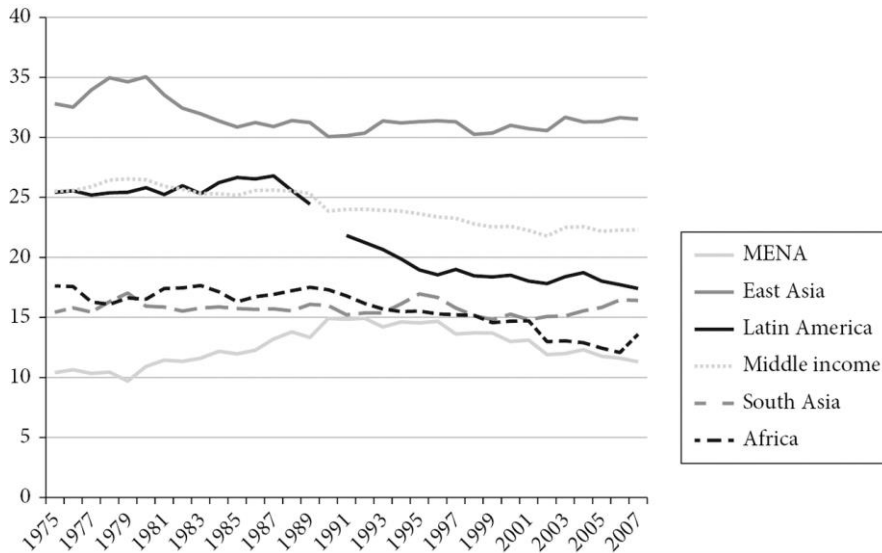
Cross-Regional Growth in Per Capita GDP



Cammett (2018)

Underdevelopment in MENA

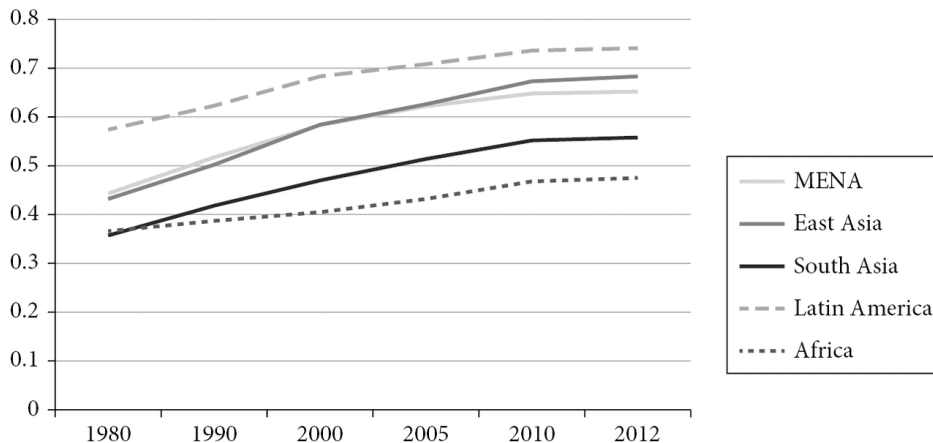
Manufacturing Value Added as % of GDP for selected regions



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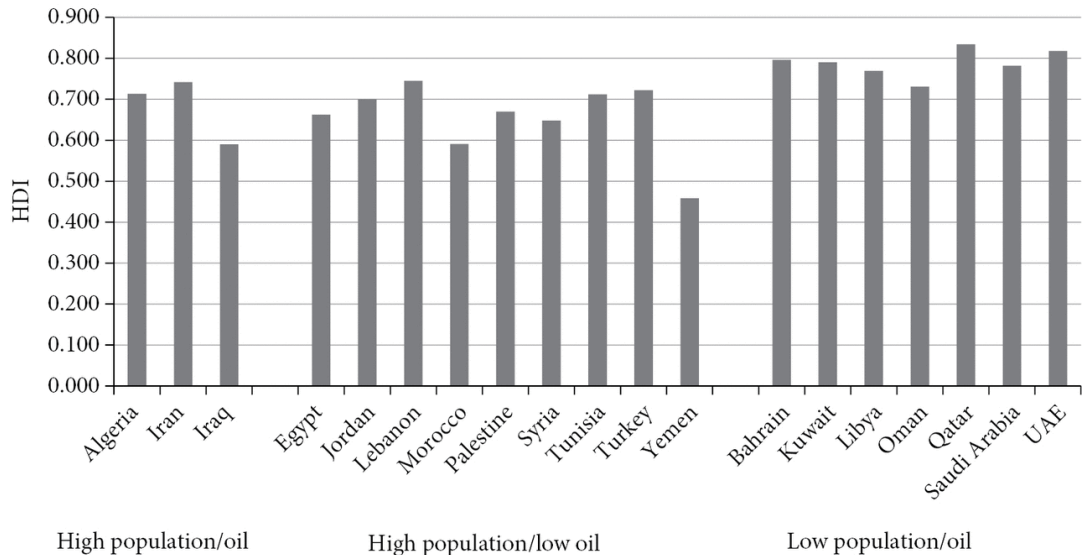
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Human Development Index Values by Region



Underdevelopment in MENA

Cross-Regional Growth in HDI



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Underdevelopment in MENA

Table 28.1 Political Economies of the Middle East

	Oil	Non-Oil
Monarchies	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran (pre-1979)	Jordan, Morocco
Republics	Algeria, Iraq (pre-2003), Iran (2005-)	Egypt (1952-2011), Syria, Tunisia (1956-2011)
Democracies/Quasi-Democracies	Libya (2011-), Iran (1979-2005)	Egypt (2011-2013), Lebanon, Turkey, Tunisia (2011-), Iraq (2003-)

How to make progress?

Candidate explanations of underdevelopment in MENA

- Institutions
 - Geography
 - Culture
 - Crony capitalism
 - Infrastructure
 - Resource curse
 - Militarism
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