



FIG. 2. Cubic-spline and Fourier-based interpolations of yearly averaged sea surface temperature anomalies at Niño-3. The yearly averaged values are shown together with monthly values obtained by the iterating technique (thick line) and by the Fourier-based method (thin line), both with the constraint of mean-conservation. Abscissas are years (1970–88) and ordinates are degrees Celsius.