

A Study of Structural Changes in Regional Disparities in China

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to study the structural changes in regional disparities in China by quantitatively clustering China's regional economy. During the 1980s, regional disparity in production did not converge but rather became larger. Per capita real GDP was in the process of σ convergence during the 1980s, but at the same time, the process of agricultural regions becoming relatively poor was accelerating. As for labor productivity is concerned, there was no σ convergence at all. The agricultural regions also became relatively underdeveloped in areas of productivity of capital, and in technology.