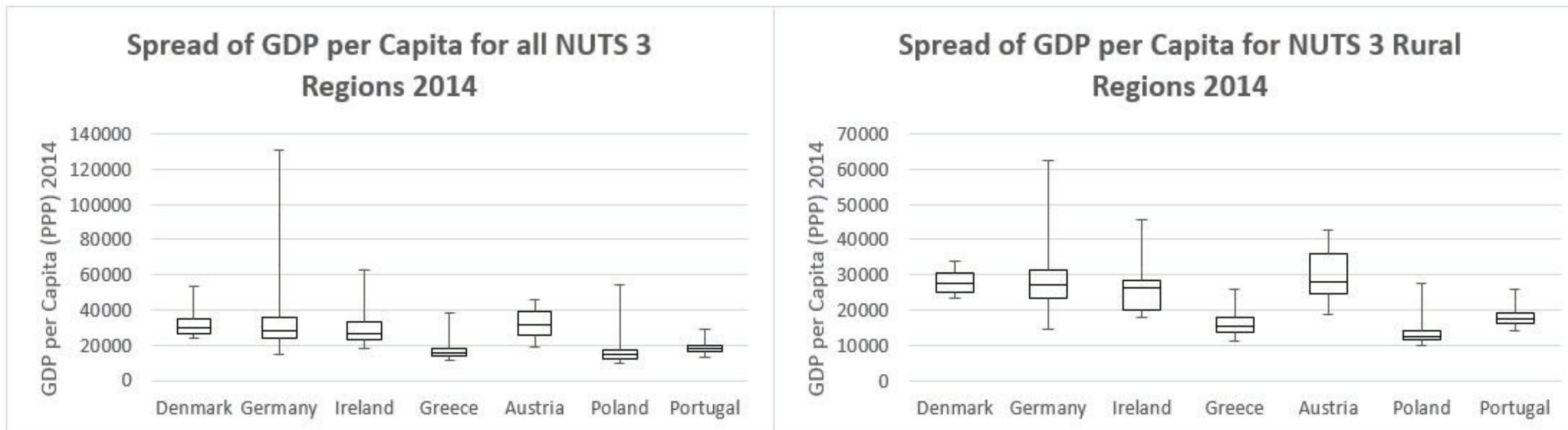


Dynamics of Rural Regions in Europe – an Economic Investigation



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Research Objectives

- ▶ To understand disparities among rural regions across Europe and how they have changed over time.
- ▶ To understand how rural regions have responded to the recent recession.
- ▶ To understand the factors that lead to polarisation of rural regions.

Research Questions

- ▶ What are the regional disparities across Europe, specifically among rural regions and within the seven RurAction countries? What is the trend over time?
- ▶ How have rural regions responded to the recent crisis?
- ▶ What socio-economic characteristics lead to positive growth in rural regions?

Core Concepts & Theoretical Foundations

- ▶ Neo-classical Growth Model (Solow, 1956)
- ▶ Endogenous Growth Model (Romer, 1986)
- ▶ New Economic Geography (Krugman, 1991)
- ▶ Regional Resilience (Martin and Sunley, 2015)

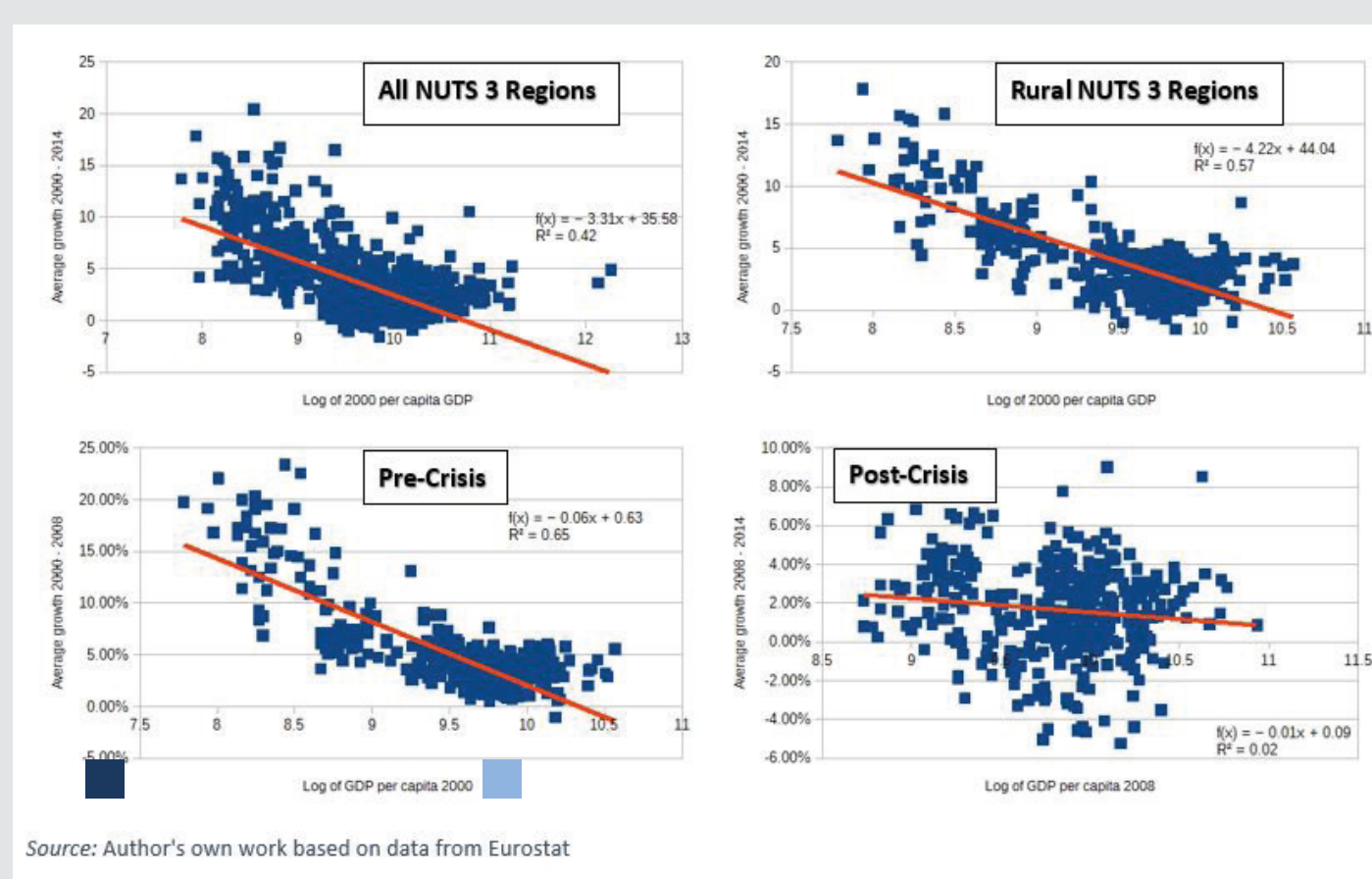
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Methodological Framework

- ▶ Descriptive statistics and thematic mapping
- ▶ Beta-convergence testing
- ▶ Econometric models using panel data set



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First Achievements

- ▶ There are signs of general convergence for rural regions in Europe before the crisis.
- ▶ However, since the recession there has been no sign of convergence.
- ▶ Disparities for rural regions among the seven RurAction countries varies considerably.
- ▶ Further research will focus on specific socio-economic characteristics determining growth and resilience.



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