

Macroeconomic Determinants of Social Mobility: An Empirical Assessment

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Abstract: This article investigates the macroeconomic determinants of social mobility using the Global Social Mobility Index (GSMI). The GSMI captures each country's capacity to promote social mobility. The study applies a cross-sectional econometric approach, using the 2020 GSMI values as the dependent variable and long-term averages of explanatory variables grouped into social, economic, and institutional. The results show that social variables are consistently significant predictors of social mobility. Economic indicators also display a positive relationship, while GDP growth presents a more complex and sometimes negative association. Among institutional variables, government efficiency emerges as the only robust determinant.

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