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INSTITUTIONS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OF LANDLOCKED NATIONS – part of dissertation

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Abstract

The study tries to scratch the relationship between institutions and economic growth under the landlocked constraint through empirically growing correlated random effect model with the base of pooled ordinary least square model and supporting models of fixed and random effect model. It includes a balance panel of 134 nations for 16 periods (2144 observations). It concludes that both landlocked and institutions are important variables to increase the output of the country. Landlocked nation decreases economic growth by 36% than no-landlocked nations, but the estimation of remoteness from the center to nearest sea becomes insignificance. Similarly, one standard deviation increase in nine institutional variables individually, out of the seventeen variables, estimates ranges from 3%-9% increase in a standard deviation of the dependent variable gross domestic product per capita.

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INTRODUCTION

Although the impact of economic growth is not absolutely debate-free because of the inequality, economic growth is generally accepted as an economic barometer that indicates the direction of a country's prosperity. The sustainable higher growth rate over the long periods will have positive multiplier effect throughout the development¹ of the country. It will take off from the path of low income country to the middle income country and the middle income to the high income country. Historically, the frontier (USA economy) has raised its per capita income by nearly 17 fold from \$ 3000 to more than \$ 50000 during the period of 1870 to 2014 (about 150 years) because of an average 2% sustainable economic growth, (Jones 2015). Similarly, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan are known as four Asian Dragons from their high growth rates (above an average 7%) between 60's and 90's. Japan become world's second largest economy between 1978-2010 from its post war economic miracle of growth rate 10% in the 1960's, 5% in the 1970's and 4% in the 1980's. In Europe, the republic of Ireland is known as Celtic tiger due to its rapid growth rate (average 5.9%) between years 1995 to 2008. China becomes the second largest country after the year 2010 due to its 30 years of growth rate of average 10% in between 1978-2007. India will be the future economic powerhouse and known as new India due to its continuous higher economic growth rate average 8.2 % from 2006-2011. All these episodes say that the sustainable compounded economic growth makes countries shifting from lower step of development ladder towards the upper steps of development ladder or it helps towards

¹ Development is taken as a narrow definition which compares only Per capita income across countries.

convergence of poor economies to frontier. Interestingly, it is deducing the pace of convergence for the newly growing economies than the past pace of frontier.

The dark part of this story is that practicing development about 60 years after the Second World War, economic development has left relatively huge spots of divergences such as per capita income, living standard, poverty and social welfare between the OECD members and the majority of Asia, Latin America and very poor Africa. Most of the nations lying in Africa, Asia and Latin America moving towards black hole of economic development because of their slow and unsustainable economic growth. Unfortunately, beyond Europe (Switzerland, Austria etc.), all most all landlocked countries (LLCs)² Afghanistan, Nepal, Ethiopia, Botswana, Malawi, Paraguay Burundi, and Zambia are very poor and may call as a backwater in economic performances. It has seen that landlocked developing nations are relatively growing very poor condition than no-landlocked nations in this world trading system. They have borne additional costs (double cost: distance cost of its own and distance cost up to the sea port of the transit neighbors and uncertainty of sea access: transit cost of official and unofficial embargo). It is arguing that the physical barriers collapse the competitiveness (limited of market) in trade within and outside the region and hence it adversely affects to economic progress. Now, the question comes. Is landlocked a destiny for economic growth and development? Or is geography³ (Ecological zone, landlockedness, diseases, and land productivity) matters for growth and development of the nation? If it matters, how much geography matters for the economic progress? Therefore, one of the concern of this paper is: Is it true that landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) have higher

²Nations do not have sea access or sea port. Excluding the territory of the West Bank, there are 45 landlocked nations, described from CIA World Fact Book, The Central Intelligence Agency. Non-European landlocked nations are known as poor or underdeveloped nations.

³ The study, however, uses only the narrow definition of geography which is landlockedness and distance to sea port.

cost than no-landlocked nations (NLLCs)⁴ to produce economic output? It supports or against to the geography matters hypothesis.

Empirical reports have no support that landlockedness as a sole barrier because some European landlocked nations are well developed and also the highest HDI value than USA. These nations are not feeling any form of geographical barriers for development. Of the last decades, it has been observed an interesting and encouraging improvement in poorly located African landlocked economies. A landlocked Ethiopia, called as an African Lion, is reported a third fastest growing economy (10% average per annum) of the world. It is the 3rd largest coffee producer, 4th largest sesame exporter and the 2nd largest horticulture exporter in Africa and has the largest livestock population. Similarly, most of the big investors and companies are selecting this nation as a new potential country because of market of 85 million population, political stability, huge investment in hydropower, education and infrastructure and low labour cost than current Asia and Latin America PIC (2015). In a list of 10 fastest growing African economies of KPMG (2014), four landlocked Nations (Rwanda, Botswana, Zambia and Uganda) are reported. Similarly, Holodny (2015) has listed 5 LLDCs out of 13 fastest growing nations are Rwanda, Bhutan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Ethiopia ranking in the 12th, 9th, 5th, 2nd, 1st positions respectively. On the other hands, some NLLCs such as Mozambique, Guinea, Eritrea, D.R. Congo, Sierra lone are not only growing less but also some are performing lower than landlocked nations. Therefore, it is very hard to believe that landlockedness is a sole matters for economic growth and development.

Some other scholars are not agreed that landlockedness is a big matters. Beyond the distance and transit access, there are many other constraints envisages by scholars. Bloch and

⁴ It is defined as a sea coast or sea port nations, described from CIA World Fact Book, The Central Intelligence Agency.

Tang (2004) have found that countries with superior geography suffering from falling real income while others with poor geography are prospering. Instead of geographical hypothesis many scholars such as North (1991) and Acemoglu and et. al. (2005) are arguing for institutions (private property rights, rule of law, government form, corruption, civil liberty, press freedom and so forth) matter greater than geography. Ades Alberto and Chua Hak B. (1997) and Paul Collier (2007) are arguing about the issue of bad neighbour rather than geography. This is also supported from the report of United Nation, UN (2003), that landlocked nations should have good relationship with transit neighbors in order to get the sustainable growth and development. Similarly, the hypothesis of infrastructure poor rather than landlockedness problem have been discussed by Limão and Venables (2001), Grigoriou (2007). An empirical study of Thomas Snow and et. al. (2003) argue that there is no straight connectivity problem of distance. Kazakhstan has long distance to move to get neighbor port for international trade among the other landlocked nations, but it is enjoying the second lowest freight cost. On the other hands, the Malawi is suffered from the highest freight cost even in an 803 K. M. port access because its primary trade route blocked by the civil war of Mozambique. All these episodes again raise some other questions: Do quality institutions matter for economic growth and development? If yes, how much institutions matter for the economic progress? Or how much institutions influence to the economic performances of the nations? As a result, it is hypothesizing that Good institutions are able to correct the impact of bad neighbors, trade barriers, political instability and infrastructure barrier both internal and external, and deficiency of other endogenous variables (physical capital, human capital, and technology).

There are no unique determinants of economic growth, however, the latest decades have been focusing towards the determinants of geography and institutions as a key factor

for economic prosperity instead of the renowned exogenous and endogenous growth models. The growing empirical papers are still in inconclusive crossroad between the triumph of geography or institutions for economic growth and development. There are two polarized groups: first group are arguing that geographical factors as a triumph and the second group are arguing for institutions as a triumph for higher output and economic performances so that the study is trying to scratch the impact of institutions on economic growth under the landlocked barriers (fusion experiment, a mechanical relationship among income, institution and geography, Rodrik, 2000). It is because the past models of development have not changed well the face of geographically back-warded and institutionally trapped nations of the world. Consequently, it accepts both institutions and geography are the key determinants for higher and sustainable economic growth.

The output of this explanatory paper will be important because it will estimate the degree and direction between geography economic growth, and also the relationship between predictor of institutions and predicted of economic growth through the new methodology. The guideline of this study would be helpful for the policy implications of very poor and terribly vulnerable nations of the world. The foundation of the study will call upon additional deep research in this area in future too.

I have organized this paper into five main sections and sub-sections. First section is provided literature review which has three sub-sections: geography matter, institution matter and institution matter but not clear, and followed by two other sub-sections: mechanism of institutions and quality of institutions. Second section is discussed about methodology with two sub-sections: data collection and functional relationship, and econometric model. Third section is fully concerned about analysis and interpretation of results. The results are divided into baseline regression model, pooled ordinary least square (POLS), with two supporting

models, fixed effect model (FEM) and random effect model (REM), and the desired of correlated random effect model (CREM). More importantly, all explanatory variables are standardized, except the landlocked dummy variable, in order to minimize the different scales of measurement. Finally, it is provided summarization and conclusion.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Myriad of literatures are available from geography and institutions to economic growth and development. Therefore, this research topic has divided into three parts: Geography Matter, Institution Matter and Institution Matter but Unclear.

Geography Matters. Officially, the first General Assembly of UN (1957) have officially realized the problems of landlocked nations and passed the resolution act 1105(XI) as a special act among the members' states to establish and to practice the law of sea access to the landlocked nations. The gravity equation, an influential model, argues that the volume of bilateral trade determining by two factors: income or GDP between countries and distance between the countries. Former factor is directly proportionate and later is inversely proportionate with the volume of trade between the countries. James Anderson (2010) cited that Tinbergen in 1962 has first coined an empirical gravity model which is $X_{ij} = A Y_i^\alpha Y_j^\beta / D_{ij}^\gamma$. Here, the α , β and γ are elasticity of exporting countries and importing country's GDP and distance respectively and taking values different than one. This gravity equation indicates that geography matters for international trade and hence economic growth and development through the trade mechanism. It means mostly limiting the export-led growth for landlocked

nations and they are far from the international market. Similarly, the highly cited paper of Gallup et al. (1998) indicated that "majority population that are far from the sea coast, large transport costs for international trade, population in tropical regions of high disease burden are the obstacles for the economic growth and development of the country. Coastal and temperate economies have high per capita income than landlocked and tropical economies." They have noted the huge transport cost counted for the landlocked countries which is the especial case of geography linking with economic progress. The UN-OHRLLS (2013) states that landlocked countries have a big negative impact on international trade-link for example: long distance of sea access from transit neighbours, remoteness from markets, extra border crossings, huge transport costs, inadequate physical infrastructure, logistic and institutional hurdles. Chowdhary and Erdenebileg (2006) have pointed out that "landlocked nations are the most vulnerable nations than the poor developing coastal nations. These nations have no fine link to international market (global economic activities)-death of distance, because of its seacoast so that these nations are heavily suffering from the geographical fiction to grow and develop, and poor socio-economic conditions." Likewise, the transport cost is the major cost, making a less competitive international trade for landlocked nations in this capitalist world. The cumulative form of transport cost is: long distance of "the international market for export, dependency on land and air route for transport", inadequate and inefficient mode of transportation, Carcamo-Diaz Rodrigo (2004). Sachs and Warner (1997) have published a regression results that the growth elasticity of the sea lack nations to trade is more than half (-0.58) lower than transit or coastal nations. Disdier and Head (2009), cited by Moore, have shown the meta-analysis of gravity model regression results of trade elasticity of distance is -0.9; higher than Sachs et. al. . On the same paper Moore has found very high negative response of distance on trade (-3.38 to -6.08).

On the contrary of geography matters hypothesis, Nurske (1961) believes that there is a rising possibility of cheap transport and free trade which decreases both natural and artificial costs of transport linking to international trade. It is followed by two important studies of complementary geographical aspects: Limão and Venables (2001) and Paul Collier (2007). The first paper has argued that infrastructure is an important indicator for landlocked nations to integrate its economy. Quantitatively, they have said that "poor infrastructure accounted 60 % transport cost for landlocked nations and 40% for coastal nations. An improvement in own and transit countries' infrastructure from the 25th percentile to 75th percentile overcomes more than half of the disadvantage associated with being landlocked." The second paper has portrayed that landlocked nations are poor because of the bad neighbors and lack of valuable natural resources.

Institutions Matter. The worth noting voice of Nobel Prize winner North (1991) that institutions are the key determinant of economic growth and development. They are not only decreasing the cost of transaction, support to division of labour and solves the human cooperation problem but also provides incentives for investment and its directions of a business environment. Following his argument, Hall and Jones (1998) have found the robust reason of huge differences of per capita income across countries from institutions and government policies. Again, Rodrik (2000) has concluded from the cross sectional study that the quality of institutions trump everything else. Determining the per capita income, geography and trade have less influenced than Institutions. Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson (2002) have denied the location base hypothesis such as latitude, easy access to sea and available resources which support for industrialization and economic development. They argued that "the successful policy institutions of private property of incentive base opportunities raises the investment and modern technological advancement for better

productivity and economic prosperity." They have also described the episodes of historically poor countries USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia comparing to the richer territories of Mughal in India, Aztecs and Inca empires of Americas 1500 years ago. Likewise, Acemoglu, and Robinson (2008) argued again that in order to get the successful economic results, country should change economic institutions and political institutions (de jure political power) together with distribution of political power into the society (de facto political power), otherwise, it will be trapped by the de facto political power and hence dragging towards the persistence instability and economic doldrums. William Easterly and Ross Levine (2002) have strongly argued that institutions matters than geography or location. Jones and Romer (2010) have argued that there is four pillars of endogenous variables of economic growth: Ideas, Institutions, Population, and Human Capital.

Institutions Matter, but Unclear. The vague definition of institutions and some empirical difficulties of reverse causality, endogeneity and trap of cross country analysis put enough room for the criticisms against the power of institutions matter. Institutions (political, economic and social) can change the government policies or fiscal policy of the country which ultimately moves together favourable to economic growth and development, but, there is not clear understanding of the meaning and menu of institutions. Therefore, the relationship between institutions and economic growth are not seen straight forward.

Przewoski (2004) has published a lecture note and questions about the working mechanism of institutions. He has strongly shown deep endogeneity (potential bias) issues in the empirical analysis of the relationship between institution and economic growth. He said the observed case study is wrong or bias because it is not included the counterfactual issues. According to his example of political institutions, the unobserved issues 'quality of

leadership' is the influencing factor to economic growth rather than political regime (democracy or dictatorship). He confirms there are some counterfactual issues in the relationship between institutions and economic growth so that comparative analysis is the last resort for the statistical inference, however, it has also suffered from five difficulties: baseline difference, effect of the treatment on the treated, post treatment effect, distance effect and aggregate effect. To sum up, he is quite pessimistic on the strong relationship between institutions and economic growth. Similarly, under the criticism of institutions matter, Chang (2006) argues that institutions do not describe fully for the matter of economic growth and development. He has pointed out three things: First, the causality is not only one way from institution to growth and development but also the reverse causality. Second, the foundation of institutions, liberal policy, mostly property rights (private property rights) are not successful for all countries for the policy implications "against the same size fits all" model. Third, he has opposed the conclusion of cross country methodology because of institutional heterogeneity of countries. Institutions have not always linear relationship and static nature (non-linear relationship and dynamic nature). Therefore, the new institutional economists are partially true that institution matters for economic growth and development.

The great proponent of institutions matter, North (2003), himself has accepted that there is no exact lists of quality institutions because everybody is doing trial and error. It is not an easy task of copy and past but it is a cautious path, otherwise, it may backfire too. It has also warned for carefulness and clarity by another proponent economist, Rodrik (2008) because the same list of institutions prescribed by international organizations such as WB, IMF and WTO will not work to all developing world under the imperfect market information. He has argued for require legitimate sets of rules to achieve the development goal of the nations.

Mechanism of Institutions. D.C. North and other institutional pundits are arguing that good institutions such as rule of laws, private property rights are the key to provide incentives of business environment to grow private sectors into the economy. These quality institutions are link to expand the economy through trade and investment environment. Jeffrey Sachs and Andrew Warner (1995) have concluded that if laggard countries want to jump successfully from non-qualifying to qualifying categories, convergence of their economy with higher level of economic growth of developed nations, they have to follow the path of four pillars: reasonable sets of economic and political policies, civil peace, political and civil rights, and free economy. Similarly, Rodrik (2002) has shown the deep mechanical relationship among income, geography and institutions and also the reverse causality of income to integration and institutions and also suggesting that institutions are working for endogenous and geography, both direct (Agricultural productivity and morbidity) and indirect (distance or sea access), are working for exogenous. In a nutshell, some broader working mechanisms are:

- ❖ Protection of the property rights increases incentives to private investment and hence booming the economic Growth and development.
- ❖ Good institution means greater efficiency for the use and mobilization of resources such as technological progress, innovation and hence leading to economic performances.
- ❖ Institutions provide environment for innovation, creating new ideas which increases productivity and hence shifting the production frontier upward.
- ❖ Quality educational institutions (schools, colleges and universities) and health institutions (hospitals, health centres, and health insurances) determine the development of human capital and hence economic prosperity.

❖ Quality financial institutions (banks, co-operatives, stock markets, and credit institutions) help to bring financial stability as well as help to the national international trade.

Quality of Institutions. There are no unique lists of quality institutions. Literatures have included different lists of predictors relating to institutions for the economic growth. However, they are broadly similar in major indicators such as rule of law, private property rights, free trade, freedom of policy, control of corruption, civil rights and political stability.

The Worldwide Government Indicator (WGI) as an institutional Index published by Kaufmann, Kraay and Zoido-Lobato, (1999) have strongly supported by W. Easterly and R. Levine (2002) for the data of 31 sources into 6 categories: Voice and accountability (form of government, political rights, civil liberties, and independent press); Political stability and absence of violence (government thrown by unconstitutional and violent manners); Government Effectiveness (quality of public services delivery, competence of civil servants, and politicization on civil services); Regularity Quality (government control in market, government interference in banking system, regulation in new business and international trade); Rule of Law (private property rights, independent and effective judges, contract information) and control of Corruption.

“Institutions mean various aspects of law enforcement (Property rights, the rule of law, legal systems, peace), the functioning of markets (market structures, competition policy, openness to foreign markets, capital and technology), inequality and social conflicts (the relation between inequality and growth has been widely studied), political institutions (democracy, political freedom, political disruption, political stability), the health system (as previously stated, life expectancy is one of the variables most robustly correlated with growth), financial institutions (like an efficient banking system or a good stock market) as

well as government institutions (the size of bureaucracy and red tape, government corruption)”, Sala-i- Martin (2002).

Basu Sudip Ranjan (2008) have included 8 types indicators of Economic Institutional Quality Index (legal & property rights, law and order, bureaucratic quality, corruption, democratic accountability, government stability, independent judiciary and regulation), 8 types of Social Institution Quality Index (press freedom, civil liberties, physical integrity index, empowerment rights index, freedom of association, women’s political rights, women’s economic rights and women’s social rights) and 7 types of Political Institution Quality Index (executive constraint, political rights, index of democracy, polity score, lower legislative, upper legislative, independent sub-federal units).

METHODOLOGY

The study is using quantitative methods in order to observe the relationship between institutions and economic growth under the constraint of landlockedness. Keeping all other variables proxies, the study has assumed institutions are the endogenous variables and landlockedness and distance to sea port are an exogenous variables. The key question is: Is there any differences of growing output between landlocked and no-landlocked nations? If yes, how much is it? The second important question: how is the relative effects between institutions and economic growth under the barrier of landlockedness? Do quality institutions determine higher per capita income or economic growth convergence? Or, What are the economic growth supporting institutions under landlocked barriers? Or, what kind of institutions matter for the most?

There are several econometric difficulties such as unavailability of unique data, issue of cross section data, non-linearity, unobserved variables, and reverse causality. However, this academic paper will use balance panel data and divided into baseline regression model, POLS, with two supporting models FEM and REM, and at last the desired of CREM. More importantly, it removes the different scales of measurement by standardizing all variables except landlocked dummy variable before the analysis. Therefore, it will try to mitigate the unobserved variables issues such as time invariant variables and unmeasured variables, cross section issues, and problem of scale effects, different than previous literature, in order to get the proximate conclusions.

Data Collection and Functional Relationship. The data of institutional variables are collected from three major combined sources: The Worldwide Government Indicator (WGI), The Heritage Foundation (HF) and Freedom House (FH). The data of geography (landlockedness, a controlled explanatory variable) are adopted from the definition of the World Fact Book and distance to nearest sea port is taken from the CEPII data base, and the dependent variable real Gross Domestic Per Capita Income is collected from the World Bank on-line dataset. In order to manage the balanced panel data matrix, it has covered time period since 1996 to 2014 and group of all predicted variables are taken from the given online data sources. However, some missing observations of nations, variables, are excluded from the study. It has also excluded the time period 1997, 1999 and 2001 from the data matrix because of the missing observations by source, WGI, and all other indicators collected accordingly. The balance panel has 2144 number of total observations $((i=134)*(t=16))$. Mathematically, the functional form of the study for the landlocked constraint is:

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita = f (Quality Institutions, Landlockedness/ distance)

$$GDPPC = f\left(\sum_i^{17} X_i, LLC\right)$$

GDPPC= Gross Domestic Product Per Capita as proxy variables to economic growth and development. LLC=Dummy Variables, Landlockedness=1, 0 otherwise; the LLC dummy variable has replaced by distance proxy variable in order to get the proximate conclusions. All X_i are explanatory institution variables. It is assuming that they are varying both individual dimension (within country) and time dimension (multiple time periods), and the variable landlockedness and distance are varying only between individuals.

ccest = Control of Corruption Estimates (X_1)

geest = Government Effectiveness Estimates (X_2)

pvest = Political Stability and absence of violence Estimates (X_3)

rgest = Regularity Quality Estimates (X_4)

rlest = Rule of Law Estimates (X_5)

vaest = Voice and Accountability Estimates (X_6)

polr = Political Rights (X_7)

civl = Civil Liberty (X_8)

pror = Property Rights (X_9)

corf = Freedom from Corruption (X_{10})

fiscf = Fiscal Freedom (X_{11})

govs = Government Spending (X_{12})

bisf = Business Freedom (X_{13})

monf = Monetary Freedom (X_{14})

traf = Trade Freedom (X_{15})

invf = Investment Freedom (X_{16})

finf = Financial Freedom (X_{17})

cenc = Distance from centered of a country to nearest coast or sea-navigable river (kilometer)

Where, data X_1 to X_6 from WGI; X_7 and X_8 from FH; and X_9 to X_{17} from HF and it is hypothesizes, by theory, that quality Institution > 0 ; Geography (landlockedness) < 0 ; cenc < 0 , and physical capital, human capital and technology are positive but they are assuming as proxy variables from the theory of institutions so that they are not included in the model.

Econometric Model. To choose a single econometric model with quality of both unbiased and efficient coefficient is a very difficult task because of the issue of model misspecification (omitting variables and including useless variables). In macro econometric analysis, mostly, FEM has been chosen over REM because it controls the omitted variable bias of unmeasured or unobserved variables or time invariant variables (race, gender etc.). It also produces unbiased estimator under tolerable variance. On the contrary, the REM produces efficient estimator (lower variance) than FEM. Therefore, it is a very hard to trade-off between them. Williams (2016) has shown three key points to be understand before selecting between FEM and REM. They are nature of the omitted variables, the variability within subjects and wishing to estimate the effects of variables. Beyond those supporting models, the study has focused on recently growing CREM addressed by Wooldridge (2010) which are closely to Mundlak (1978) and Allison(2009) cited by Schunck Reinhard (2013). This model estimates the co-efficient of time invariant variables without losing the estimation of unbiased property of within estimators which is one of the key independent variable of

the study. The path starts from bench mark model of POLS towards the supporting models FEM and REM and comparing with the desired CREM at 5% level of significance.

Suppose, the linear random-intercept model is explain for two variables (y: dependent variable and x: independent variable and z_i fixed effect time-invariant variable) case.

$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{it} + \dots + \beta_2 z_i + \dots + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it} \dots \dots \dots (*)$$

Where, x_{it} are explanatory variables which are varying both individual and time dimension, z_i is a fixed effect time-invariant variables varies only between cluster; β_i coefficients are required to predict. μ_i is an unobserved fixed effect error and random intercept, and ϵ_{it} is a white noise error terms. The strong assumptions of this model is $(\mu_i/x_{it}, z_i) \sim N(0, \sigma^2_\mu)$, $E(x_{it}, z_i) \neq 0$ and $E(\mu_i/x_{it}, z_i) = 0$. The FEM model estimated unbiased and efficient coefficient through time mean deem or difference approach, but it has collapsed both fixed effect time invariant variables z_i together with fixed effect error term μ_i (unobserved). The intercept is random because intercept is equal to the sum of intercept plus unobserved random fixed effect variables $(\beta_0 + \mu_i)$. Therefore, the model has transformed by decomposing the assumed correlated explanatory variables of x_{it} with z_i into between $(\bar{x}_i = n_i^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n_i} x_{it})$ and a cluster $(x_{it} - \bar{x}_i)$ component and the model with single time-invariant and single time-invariant variable becomes:

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_{it} - \bar{x}_i) + \beta_2 z_i + \beta_3 \bar{x}_i + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Whereas β_1 provides fixed effect estimate (within-effect exactly the same with FEM) and the β_2 is an unbiased estimation of coefficient z_i because it assumes $(\mu_i/x_{it}, z_i) \sim N(0, \sigma^2_\mu)$ and $E(\mu_i/x_{it}, z_i) = 0$ and the coefficient β_3 is for between effect. It looks like below:

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{it} + \beta_2 z_i + \pi \bar{x}_i + v_i + \epsilon_{it} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Where, $\mu_i = \pi\bar{x}_i + v_i$ and π is not the equivalent of model (1) (i. e. between effect), but it is a difference of between effects and within effect model i. e. $(\beta_3 - \beta_1)$. More importantly, there is exact generalization for more explanatory variables as of this study.

EMPIRICAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In Macro economic analysis, FEM estimation has taken as an unbiased predictor than REM while analyzing panel data because they control for all measured or unmeasured time invariant variables. It is also agreed by the Hausman test (1) (183.59, Prob. > chi2=0.0000) (Appendix-A). The statistics reject the null hypothesis meaning that FEM is more suitable model over REM. Therefore, the following table is comparing and analyzing fixed effect estimations over the estimations of REM and POLS under the controlled landlocked dummy variable.

Table 1: BASELINE MODELS (LLCs DUMMY)			
(D. V. LGDPPC)	FEM	REM	POLS
z_ccest	-0.0424**	-0.0324*	-0.285***
	(-2.72)	(-2.00)	(-5.85)
z_geest	0.0495**	0.0730***	0.528***
	(2.65)	(3.78)	(10.58)
z_pvest	0.0341***	0.0312***	0.164***
	(4.03)	(3.57)	(8.03)
z_rgest	0.0871***	0.0966***	0.127*
	(5.11)	(5.47)	(2.39)
z_rllest	0.0637**	0.0848***	0.0314
	(2.84)	(3.66)	(0.56)
z_vaest	-0.127***	-0.116***	-0.0337
	(-6.15)	(-5.42)	(-0.52)
z_polr	-0.00464	-0.000308	0.0424

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(D. V. LGDPPC)	FEM	REM	POLS
	(-0.36)	(-0.02)	(1.01)
z_civl	-0.0787***	-0.0858***	0.123**
	(-6.45)	(-6.79)	(2.65)
z_pror	-0.0791***	-0.0719***	0.0677*
	(-8.42)	(-7.36)	(2.29)
z_corf	0.0454***	0.0529***	0.148***
	(4.79)	(5.37)	(4.12)
z_fiscf	0.0470***	0.0448***	0.145***
	(7.86)	(7.24)	(10.49)
z_govs	-0.00679	-0.0144*	-0.172***
	(-1.01)	(-2.08)	(-10.76)
z_bisf	0.0403***	0.0418***	0.135***
	(7.61)	(7.58)	(7.77)
z_monf	0.0377***	0.0345***	-0.0403**
	(9.70)	(8.54)	(-2.84)
z_traf	0.0743***	0.0780***	0.163***
	(16.88)	(17.06)	(10.33)
z_invf	-0.0272***	-0.0303***	-0.120***
	(-4.69)	(-5.02)	(-6.06)
z_finf	0.0127*	0.0127*	0.00301
	(2.12)	(2.05)	(0.15)
LLC	0	-0.607***	-0.431***
	(.)	(-5.96)	(-13.02)
Constant	-3.78e-16	0.163**	0.116***
	(-0.00)	(3.11)	(7.88)
Observations	2144	2144	2144
t statistics in parentheses; * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001			

In OPLS estimations, five explanatory variables *ccest*, *vaest*, *govs*, *monf*, and *invf* are indicating direction against the institution theory of relationship with GDPPC (negative relationship) but except the variable *monf* above all four predictors are consistency in FEM and REM. Similarly, six predictors *geest*, *pvest*, *corf*, *fiscf*, *bisf*, and *traf* are supporting the hypothesis of institution theory. However, comparing two models FEM and REM, nine out of seventeen predictors are indicating institutions matter. Observing the FEM, A one standard deviation increase in independent variables Government Effectiveness Estimates (*geest*), Political Stability and Absence of Violence Estimates (*pvest*), Regularity Quality Estimates (*rgest*), Rule of Law Estimates (*rlest*), Freedom From Corruption (*corf*), Fiscal Freedom (*fiscf*), Business Freedom (*bisf*), Monetary Freedom (*monf*) and Trade Freedom (*traf*), individually, will be predicted to rise 5%, 3%, 9%, 6%, 5%, 5%, 4%, 4% and 7% unit of standard deviation of dependent variable of GDPPC respectively. Interestingly, It has been seen that POLS estimation are quite higher than the coefficients of FEM. Likewise, there is a different condition between landlocked and no landlocked nations in the rise of per capita income (output). Landlocked nations are 35% (POLS) to 46% (REM)⁵ less capable of producing per capita income (output) than no landlocked nations. In order to make better prediction, the study has replaced landlocked dummy variable by the proxy distance variable (Distance from center of a country to nearest coast or sea-navigable river (kilometer)) to control the influences of institutions on the output of the countries and comparing the POLS model with FEM and REM again below.

⁵ This is the more accurate estimations, formula applied $(100 * \exp(\beta^{\wedge}) - 1)$, J. M. Wooldridge (2009).

Table 2: BASELINE MODELS (DISTANCE)

(D. V. LGDPPC)	FEM	REM	POLS
z_ccest	-0.0424** (-2.72)	-0.0335* (-2.07)	-0.320*** (-6.17)
z_geest	0.0495** (2.65)	0.0730*** (3.78)	0.581*** (10.90)
z_pvest	0.0341*** (4.03)	0.0304*** (3.48)	0.132*** (6.26)
z_rgest	0.0871*** (5.11)	0.0972*** (5.51)	0.222*** (3.98)
z_rlrest	0.0637** (2.84)	0.0828*** (3.58)	-0.0255 (-0.42)
z_vaest	-0.127*** (-6.15)	-0.115*** (-5.41)	0.0395 (0.56)
z_polr	-0.00464 (-0.36)	-0.000432 (-0.03)	0.0417 (0.91)
z_civl	-0.0787*** (-6.45)	-0.0852*** (-6.74)	0.158** (3.19)
z_pror	-0.0791*** (-8.42)	-0.0725*** (-7.43)	0.0266 (0.85)
z_corf	0.0454*** (4.79)	0.0528*** (5.36)	0.206*** (5.31)
z_fiscf	0.0470*** (7.86)	0.0450*** (7.28)	0.155*** (10.68)
z_govs	-0.00679 (-1.01)	-0.0133 (-1.93)	-0.147*** (-8.51)
z_bisf	0.0403*** (7.61)	0.0418*** (7.59)	0.143*** (7.92)
z_monf	0.0377*** (9.70)	0.0347*** (8.61)	-0.0327* (-2.02)
z_traf	0.0743*** (16.88)	0.0775*** (16.98)	0.128*** (7.73)
z_invf	-0.0272*** (-4.69)	-0.0301*** (-5.01)	-0.126*** (-5.99)
z_finf	0.0127* (2.12)	0.0125* (2.01)	-0.0322 (-1.60)
z_cenc	0 (.)	-0.174*** (-3.67)	-0.0656*** (-3.97)
Constant	-3.78e-16 (-0.00)	-4.17e-16 (-0.00)	-4.39e-16 (-0.00)
Observations	2144	2144	2144
t statistics in parentheses; * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001			

The estimated coefficients of POLS between table 1 and 2 are different. The additional independent variables rgest and civl are statistically significant at 5 % level. Although the prediction of FEM is exactly same as of table 1, REM and POLS estimations are quite different. The Hausman test (2) (Appendix-A) statistics (178.10, Prob. >

chi2=0.0000) reject the null hypothesis meaning that FEM is again more suitable model over REM. In addition that the influence of distance is 7% (POLS) and 17% (REM). It does not disagree that geographical difficulties matters to the influence of country's output or per capita income. The estimation is indicating very lower percentage of influence of distance to dependent variable, GDPPC, than dummy landlocked variables. Furthermore, the following table has compared the desired CREM both landlocked dummy variable and proxy distance variable.

Table 3: PROPOSED MODEL (LLCs DUMMY & DISTANCE)		
(D. V. LGDPPC)	CREM	CREMD
z_ccest	-0.0424** (-2.72)	-0.0424** (-2.72)
z_geest	0.0495** (2.65)	0.0495** (2.65)
z_pvest	0.0341*** (4.03)	0.0341*** (4.03)
z_rgest	0.0871*** (5.11)	0.0871*** (5.11)
z_rlest	0.0637** (2.84)	0.0637** (2.84)
z_vaest	-0.127*** (-6.15)	-0.127*** (-6.15)
z_polr	-0.00464 (-0.36)	-0.00464 (-0.36)
z_civl	-0.0787*** (-6.45)	-0.0787*** (-6.45)
z_pror	-0.0791*** (-8.42)	-0.0791*** (-8.42)
z_corf	0.0454*** (4.79)	0.0454*** (4.79)
z_fiscf	0.0470*** (7.86)	0.0470*** (7.86)
z_govs	-0.00679 (-1.01)	-0.00679 (-1.01)
z_bisf	0.0403*** (7.61)	0.0403*** (7.61)
z_monf	0.0377*** (9.70)	0.0377*** (9.70)
z_traf	0.0743*** (16.88)	0.0743*** (16.88)
z_invf	-0.0272*** (-4.69)	-0.0272*** (-4.69)
z_finf	0.0127* (2.12)	0.0127* (2.12)
LLC	-0.443*** (-3.82)	

Table 3: PROPOSED MODEL (LLCs DUMMY & DISTANCE)

(D. V. LGDPPC)	CREM	CREMD
z_cenc		-0.0813 (-1.60)
Constant	0.119* (2.24)	8.07e-17 (0.00)

Observations	2144	2144

t statistics in parentheses; * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001		

Prediction of the relative effect of institutional variables (both degree and direction) in CREM and FEM are exactly the same. Nine institutional variables are capable of estimating ranges from 3% to 9% of standard deviation on dependent variable GDPPC, while the independent variables are partially rising by one standard deviation. The goodness of this model is that without losing the unbiased estimators as of FEM, it predicts the time invariant variables (landlocked dummy). Therefore, the degree of reduction on GDPPC due to the landlockedness than no landlockedness is approximately 36% which is nearly equal to the value of POLS i. e. 35 % (See table 1) but proxy landlocked (distance) variable is not statistically significant.

Likewise, two separate studies have also shown the similar conclusions. First, the estimated coefficients of institutional variables in the FEM and CREM without LLC dummy variables are exactly the same (See: Appendix-B). Second, it has further reported the relative influence of the institutional and the LLC dummy variables separately for each data base WGI, HF and FH. The data base of WGI has shown exactly same negative 36% (table 3), and remaining two data base are indicating higher negative degrees 46% and 52% respectively (See: Appendix-C). More interestingly, the direction of intuitional variables are almost same but degrees are different.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The study is trying to answer the current debate of key determinants of institutions on economic growth and development under the constraint of geography. Based on this econometric analysis, the base line regression model (POLS) suggested that out of seventeen institution independent variables, seven variables (geest, pvest, civil, corf, fiscf, bisf, traf) are supporting to the theory of institutions which is positively correlated with dependent variable GDPPC and four (ccest, govns, monf, invf) are ruling out the same theory and the remaining variables are not statistically insignificant. The predictor geest has indicated extremely high degree of positive influence on per capita income of the country. In other words, one standard deviation change in rgest variable will change GDPPC by 52% standard deviation and the lowest relative influence is made by variable civil which is about 12% standard deviation. Comparing to POLS, the FEM and desired CREM has pointing out the lower degree of relative influences except the variables of civil and monf. A one standard deviation increase in independent variables Government Effectiveness Estimates (geest), Political Stability and Absence of Violence Estimates (pvest), Regularity Quality Estimates(rgest), Rule of Law Estimates (rlest), Freedom From Corruption (corf), Fiscal Freedom(fiscf), Business Freedom(bisf), Monetary Freedom(monf) and Trade Freedom(traf) will be influenced positively partially by 5%, 3%, 9%, 6%, 5%, 5%, 4%, 4% and 7% of one standard deviation of dependent variable GDPPC respectively. It indicates that institutions are matter to increase the gross domestic product of the country. It also indicates the interesting fact that landlockedness is also the obstacle of increasing output of the country. Output of the landlocked nations are decreased by 36% than no-landlocked nations but the distance variable (cenc) does not support the level of statistical significance. It is pointing out an

empirical study of Thomas Snow and et. al. (2003), distance does not matter to increase the economic output. However, there is an indication that GDP per capita income is decreased by approximately 7% and 17% in POLS and REM respectively (see table 2).

The result is suggesting that physical geography (landlockedness) is an obstacle which is estimated approximately one third amount for the economic growth and development. It supports to the "geography matters completely hypothesis" of Tinbergen (1962), Sachs (1997) United Nation (1957), Chowdhary and Erdenebileg (2006), and Carcamo-Diaz Rodrigo (2004). Similarly, the trade elasticity due to the distance, Disdier and Head (2009) and Moore, has portrayed higher than 50%. One may argue that landlockedness is a serious cause of poor economic performance outside the Europe but it is equally unanswered why are European landlocked nations rich?

The study has also estimated that institutions are other important factors for economic growth and development. More than 50% (9/17 institutional variables) of the included numbers of predictors such as geest, pvest, rgest, rlest, corf, fiscf, bisf, monf, and traf have exposed the appreciable economic value and desirable direction. And, some five variables ccest, ccest, civl, pror, and invf are statistically significant but the direction is indicating against the institution theory (inverse relationship with growth and development). Similarly, the influence of the institution variables ranges from 3% , political stability and absence of violence estimates (pvest), to 9%, regularity quality estimates (rgest), on GDPPC. Therefore, no one can absolutely disagree that institutions do not matter, but one can argue the partial influences of institutions to GDPPC as of the conclusion of Chang (2006) and Przewoski (2004).

Finally, as of my guess, both physical geography and institutions are the important determinants for economic growth and development. This quantitative academic paper has

suggested that landlockedness reduces the capacity of growing approximately one third than the coastal benefits and the proxy distance variable has not shown any clear influences on economic performances. Similarly, approximately half numbers of included institutional variables are clearly indicating the favor of institution theory. In this situation, It is not an easy job to suggest that geography triumph over institutions or the opposite. However, it can be argued that unless and until landlocked countries improve their geographical and institutional obstacles, there will not have any sign of output or per capita income convergence with the frontier. In order to shift the production possibility curve upward or to increase the per capita income, landlocked nations have to be focused on reducing both of these issues.

Despite the study has tried additional new academic reference beyond the current literatures, it has faced four types of weaknesses. First, it has lower sample size due to unavailability of more years of data in the panel (only 16 years with gaps). Second, the study has not included the other geographical issues (temperature and agricultural productivity). Third, missing of two independent variables: quality of infrastructure, Limão and Venables (2001) and good neighbors of Collier (2007) and at last but not least, it has not addressed the issue of reverse causality and other possible counterfactual predictors. Therefore, the additional work which relaxes above those four issues for further improvement and confirmation left to the future empirical study.

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Appendix-A

Hausman Test Result (1)

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----- Coefficients -----

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	(b)	(B)	(b-B)	sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B))
	FIXED_Eff	RANDOM_Eff	Difference	S.E.
z_ccest	-.0424249	-.0323681	-.0100568	.0017503
z_geest	.0495251	.0730147	-.0234895	.0023516
z_pvest	.034077	.0312424	.0028347	.001087
z_rgest	.0871351	.0966365	-.0095014	.0018643
z_rlest	.0636781	.0847806	-.0211026	.0030006
z_vaest	-.127122	-.1156974	-.0114246	.0027538
z_polr	-.0046353	-.0003079	-.0043273	.0009444
z_civl	-.0787231	-.0857969	.0070738	.0013761
z_pror	-.0791307	-.0718681	-.0072626	.0008227
z_corf	.0453865	.0528909	-.0075044	.0008412
z_fiscf	.0469704	.0448243	.0021461	.0007114
z_govs	-.0067854	-.0144021	.0076167	.0008571
z_bisf	.0403236	.0418018	-.0014782	.0002873
z_monf	.0377444	.0345035	.0032409	.0003196
z_traf	.0743251	.078017	-.0036919	.000373
z_invf	-.0271653	-.0302565	.0030913	.0004028
z_finf	.0126788	.0127278	-.000049	.0003823

b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtreg

B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtreg

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

chi2(17) = (b-B)'[(V_b-V_B)^(-1)](b-B)

= 183.59

Prob>chi2 = 0.0000

Hausman Test Result (2)

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. hausman FIXED_EffD RANDOM_EffD, sigmamore
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----- Coefficients -----
      |          (b)          (B)          (b-B)      sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B))
      |  FIXED_EffD  RANDOM_EffD  Difference      S.E.
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z_ccest |  -.0424249   -.0334828   -.0089421   .0016614
z_geest |   .0495251   .0730474   -.0235223   .0022897
z_pvest |   .034077    .0304057   .0036713   .0010603
z_rgest |   .0871351   .0972298   -.0100946   .001802
z_rlest |   .0636781   .0827712   -.0190932   .0028461
z_vaest |  -.127122    -.1153023   -.0118197   .0026249
z_polr  |  -.0046353   -.0004321   -.0042032   .0008987
z_civl  |  -.0787231   -.0851667   .0064436   .0012841
z_pror  |  -.0791307   -.0724534   -.0066773   .0007832
z_corf  |   .0453865   .0527533   -.0073668   .0008101
z_fiscf |   .0469704   .0450392   .0019311   .0006753
z_govs  |  -.0067854   -.0133075   .0065221   .0008022
z_bisf  |   .0403236   .0417606   -.0014371   .000274
z_monf  |   .0377444   .0347474   .002997    .0003038
z_traf  |   .0743251   .0775272   -.0032021   .0003532
z_invf  |  -.0271653   -.0301494   .0029841   .0003839
z_finff |   .0126788   .0124768   .000202    .0003654

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b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtreg

B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtreg

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

$$\text{chi2}(17) = (b-B)' [(V_b-V_B)^{-1}] (b-B)$$

$$= 178.10$$

$$\text{Prob}>\text{chi2} = 0.0000$$

Appendix-B

Dependent Variable **z_lgdppc**

	Fixed Effect	Random Eff~t	CORR_Rando~t
z_ccest	-0.0424** (-2.72)	-0.0330* (-2.04)	-0.0424** (-2.72)
z_geest	0.0495** (2.65)	0.0742*** (3.83)	0.0495** (2.65)
z_pvest	0.0341*** (4.03)	0.0300*** (3.43)	0.0341*** (4.03)
z_rgest	0.0871*** (5.11)	0.0984*** (5.56)	0.0871*** (5.11)
z_rllest	0.0637** (2.84)	0.0838*** (3.62)	0.0637** (2.84)
z_vaest	-0.127*** (-6.15)	-0.113*** (-5.29)	-0.127*** (-6.15)
z_polr	-0.00464 (-0.36)	-0.000615 (-0.05)	-0.00464 (-0.36)
z_civl	-0.0787*** (-6.45)	-0.0864*** (-6.83)	-0.0787*** (-6.45)
z_pror	-0.0791***	-0.0722***	-0.0791***

	(-8.42)	(-7.39)	(-8.42)
z_corf	0.0454*** (4.79)	0.0531*** (5.39)	0.0454*** (4.79)
z_fiscf	0.0470*** (7.86)	0.0448*** (7.23)	0.0470*** (7.86)
z_govs	-0.00679 (-1.01)	-0.0138* (-2.00)	-0.00679 (-1.01)
z_bisf	0.0403*** (7.61)	0.0418*** (7.57)	0.0403*** (7.61)
z_monf	0.0377*** (9.70)	0.0346*** (8.56)	0.0377*** (9.70)
z_traf	0.0743*** (16.88)	0.0777*** (16.97)	0.0743*** (16.88)
z_invf	-0.0272*** (-4.69)	-0.0301*** (-4.99)	-0.0272*** (-4.69)
z_fin	0.0127* (2.12)	0.0125* (2.01)	0.0127* (2.12)

Appendix-C

Data Using Only for WGI

Dependent Variable `z_lgdppc`

	Fixed Effect	Random Eff~t	CORR_Rando~t
<code>z_ccest</code>	-0.114*** (-5.72)	-0.102*** (-5.04)	-0.114*** (-5.72)
<code>z_geest</code>	0.102*** (4.27)	0.129*** (5.31)	0.102*** (4.27)
<code>z_pvest</code>	0.0260* (2.39)	0.0228* (2.06)	0.0260* (2.39)
<code>z_rgest</code>	0.138*** (6.86)	0.150*** (7.32)	0.138*** (6.86)
<code>z_rlest</code>	0.111*** (4.00)	0.144*** (5.12)	0.111*** (4.00)
<code>z_vaest</code>	-0.0931*** (-4.64)	-0.0758*** (-3.78)	-0.0931*** (-4.64)
Dummy variable <code>lan..</code>	0 (.)	-0.595*** (-5.17)	-0.362** (-3.06)

Data Using Only for HF

Dependent Variable `z_lgdppc`

	Fixed Effect	Random Eff~t	CORR_Rando~t
<code>z_pror</code>	-0.0732*** (-7.70)	-0.0598*** (-6.04)	-0.0732*** (-7.70)
<code>z_corf</code>	0.0568*** (5.87)	0.0730*** (7.25)	0.0568*** (5.87)
<code>z_fiscf</code>	0.0578*** (9.50)	0.0542*** (8.55)	0.0578*** (9.50)
<code>z_govs</code>	-0.00549 (-0.79)	-0.0149* (-2.07)	-0.00549 (-0.79)
<code>z_bisf</code>	0.0458*** (8.47)	0.0500*** (8.84)	0.0458*** (8.47)
<code>z_monf</code>	0.0475*** (12.14)	0.0477*** (11.63)	0.0475*** (12.14)
<code>z_traf</code>	0.0785*** (17.34)	0.0839*** (17.76)	0.0785*** (17.34)
<code>z_invf</code>	-0.0129* (-2.27)	-0.0128* (-2.15)	-0.0129* (-2.27)
<code>z_finf</code>	0.0234*** (3.83)	0.0258*** (4.04)	0.0234*** (3.83)

Dummy variable lan..	0	-0.683***	-0.468***
	(.)	(-6.32)	(-4.18)

Data Using Only for FH

Dependent Variable z_lgdppc

	Fixed Effect	Random Eff~t	CORR_Rando~t
z_polr	0.0775*** (5.73)	0.0730*** (5.39)	0.0775*** (5.73)
z_civl	-0.192*** (-13.01)	-0.200*** (-13.61)	-0.192*** (-13.01)
Dummy variable lan..	0 (.)	-0.685*** (-4.28)	-0.528** (-3.21)