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Abstract

While economic globalization is frequently cited as a source for regulatory policy convergence, the precise causal links between these two variables often go unexplored. The common thread missing from most of the globalization literature is the role of state agency in the regulation of the global political economy. This paper builds on a simple

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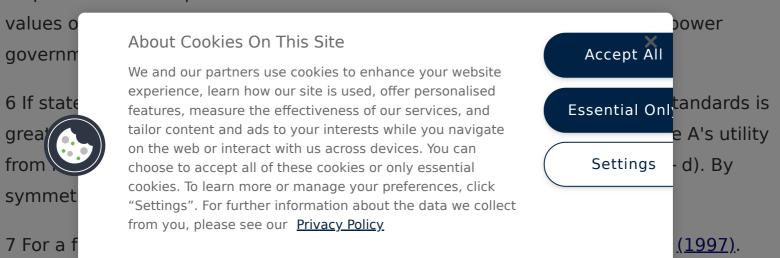
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Notes

- 1 For an exception, see Bernstein and Cashore (2000).
- 2 On distinction between the two forms of power, see James and Lake (1989).
- 3 This is one reason why econometric methods to predict international trade flows are called 'gravity models'; the presumption is that the larger an economy and the closer it is to other markets the more traded goods that economy will naturally attract.
- 4 China and India have rapidly growing economies and sizeable populations. For the time period under study, however, these markets remain emerging and not emerged.
- 5 Space constraints prevent a further discussion of the factors that determine the



- 8 Formally, let Y_i equal the size of country i's economy. Then for all i, π_i =a linear transformation of: $Y_j/(Y_i + Y_j)$.
- 9 For formal derivations of these hypotheses, see Drezner (n.d.)
- 10 The asymptotic nature of ratios explains this fact. With small countries, a great power's size can appear greater due to its market size, but as the size of the smaller country increases, the ratio falls exponentially.
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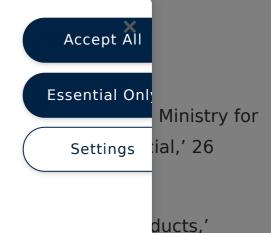
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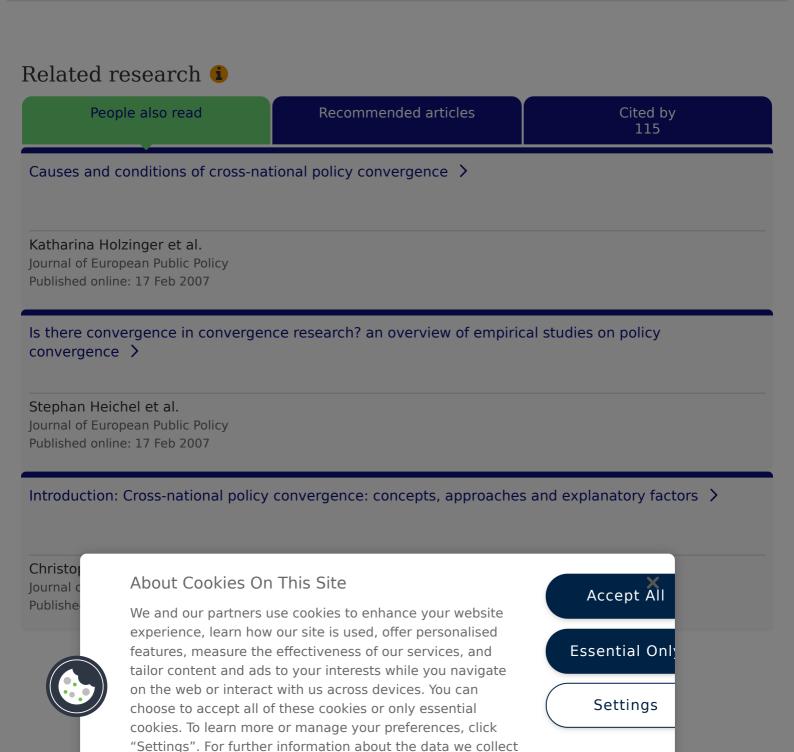
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