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## ***MIGRATIONS FROM THE MENA REGION: A BLESSING OR/AND A CURSE?***

***Econometric Analysis of the Effect of Remittances  
on Tunisian Economic Growth: An ARDL Approach***

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***Discussion***

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## Comments:

The paper addresses a **relevant topic** and takes advantage of **adequate econometrics**.

The paper uses an Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) **model** from **1992 to 2022** to gauge **the impact of remittances on Tunisian economic growth**.

According to results, remittances have a **short-term negative impact** and a **significant long-term effect** on Tunisian economic growth.

A **1% increase** in migrants **remittances** triggers a **1.25%** rise in **GDP** per capita over the long run and a **0.28%** decline on the short run.

These **results come from consumption purpose** for the short-use use of remittances, whereas their **use on the long-run is devoted to investment in human capital**, which supports economic growth.

## Improving the paper

The paper needs to include some **missing elements** such as:

A **brief literature review regarding the ARDL model**, including achievements and shortcomings;

the **cointegration equation** and its value;

an **ECM ARDL analysis**;

the **Granger Causality test estimation**.

## Question:

**What are the channels of remittances (*hawalas*, money transfer offices or else) and average amounts (on a monthly and/or yearly basis)?**