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Title: A General To Specific Modelling Approach for Testing the Effects of Economic and Social Factors on Environmental Performance.

Abstract

Using cross-sectional data for several different measures of environmental performance, the paper uses a general to specific modelling approach to test for the significance of various economic variables and social capital (public and civic) measures on national environmental performance. The results are used to test competing hypotheses as to the relationship between economic growth and environmental quality.