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| Book Name: | [**New Advances in Business, Management and Economics**](https://www.bookpi.org/bookstore/product/new-advances-in-business-management-and-economics-vol-1/) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_BPR\_5672** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Tale of Two Regions in Asia** |
| Type of the Article | **Book Chapter** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | The manuscript provides a critical comparison between the economic trajectories of South Asia and Southeast Asia since the 1970s. It draws attention to structural differences in policy, gender participation, and regional cooperation. These insights are highly relevant for academic discourse and policy development, particularly for researchers in development economics and Asian studies. The work helps identify key policy levers that can foster inclusive growth in South Asia. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title effectively reflects the comparative nature of the chapter. It is concise and engaging. |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract identifies the main theme of the manuscript well but could be strengthened by clearly stating the paper’s key findings. Mention of the data comparisons and specific challenges faced by South Asia would add clarity. A suggested addition: “The chapter highlights gender disparities, policy barriers, and lack of regional cooperation as critical hindrances to South Asia’s growth.” |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes. The manuscript is supported by robust data from reliable sources like the World Bank and IMF. The comparative structure between the two regions is well developed, and the policy arguments are consistent with the presented evidence. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.**  **-** | The references are sufficient and mostly up to date, including citations from 2023–2025. However, including one or two peer-reviewed academic journal articles (e.g., from World Development or Journal of Asian Economics) would enhance the academic rigor. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Overall, the language is acceptable for scholarly use. However, minor grammar corrections and sentence structure revisions are advised to improve clarity and flow. Some repetitions can be eliminated for better readability |  |
| Optional/General comments | The manuscript would benefit from the addition of visual graphs or charts based on the existing tables. These visuals would help in quickly comparing indicators such as FDI, GDP per capita, and women’s workforce participation. Additionally, the conclusion section could be slightly expanded to provide specific, actionable policy recommendations.  The manuscript demonstrates strong data support and logical analysis. It makes a meaningful contribution to regional economic studies. With minor improvements in clarity and reference formatting, it will be ready for publication. |  |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in detail)*  No ethical issues are observed. |  |

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