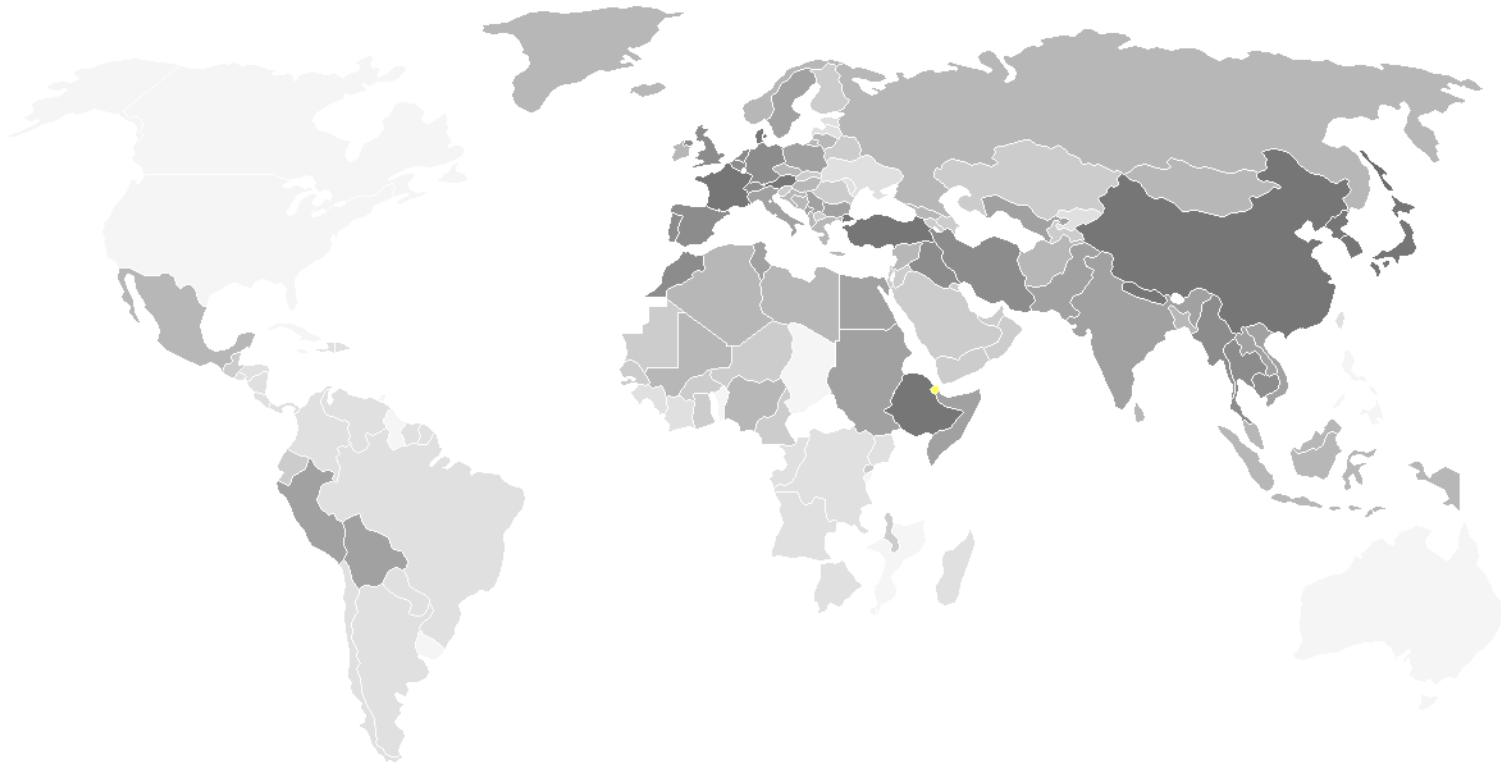


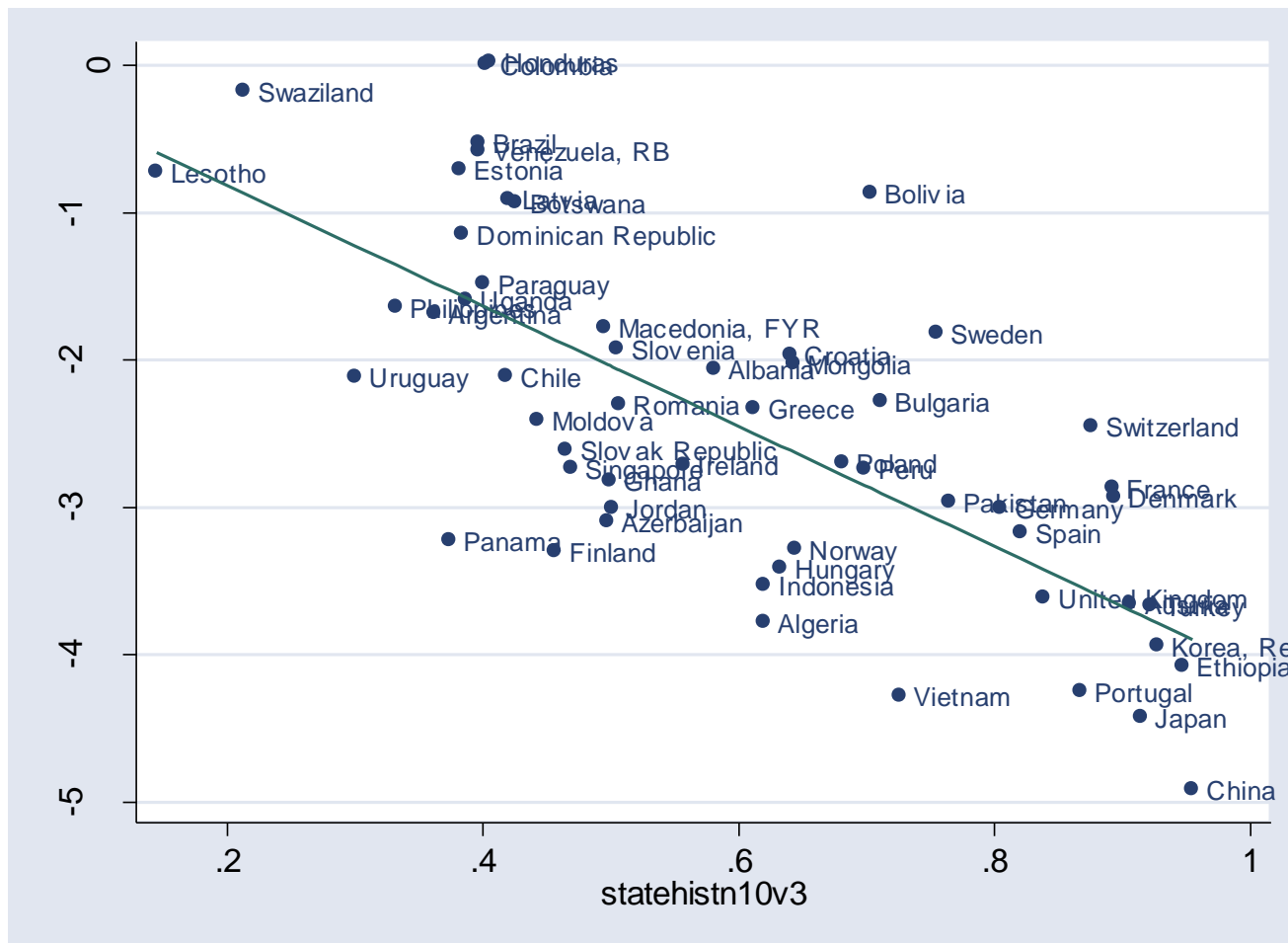
State History and State Capacity in Russia and India

“State History” (darker = longer state history)



Source: Bockstette et al. (2002). Shown is the state history index with a discount rate 50.

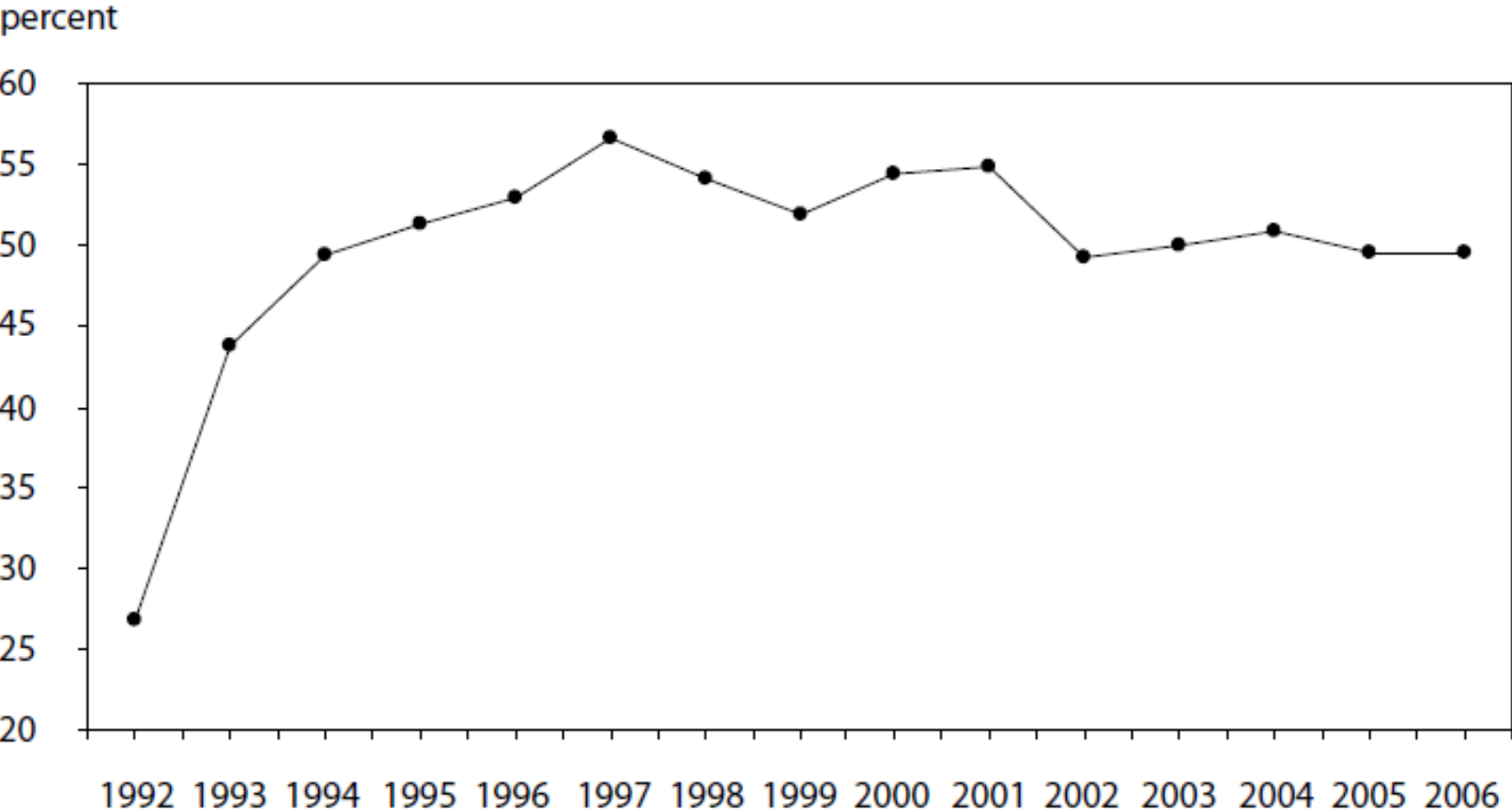
Partial correlation of interpol crime rates (homicide, rape, theft, fraud) against state history



Controlling for: log GDP per capita, ethnolinguistic fractionalisation, former colonial status (0/1) and voluntary associational membership



Share of Subnational Expenditures in Total Outlays of National and Subnational Governments without Extrabudgetary Funds, 1992-2006





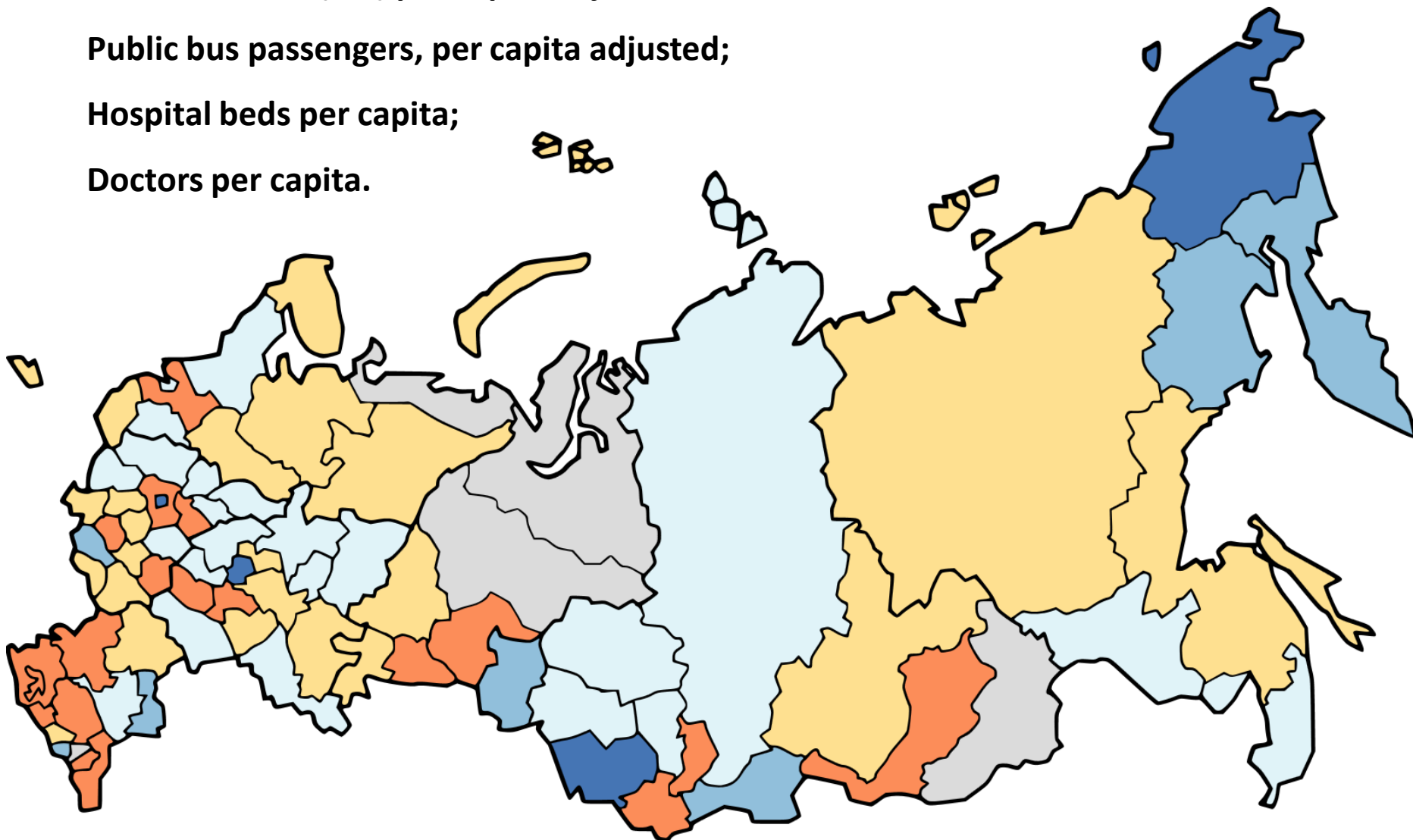
Index of public goods, 1994-5

Surfaced roads (km) per capita adjusted;

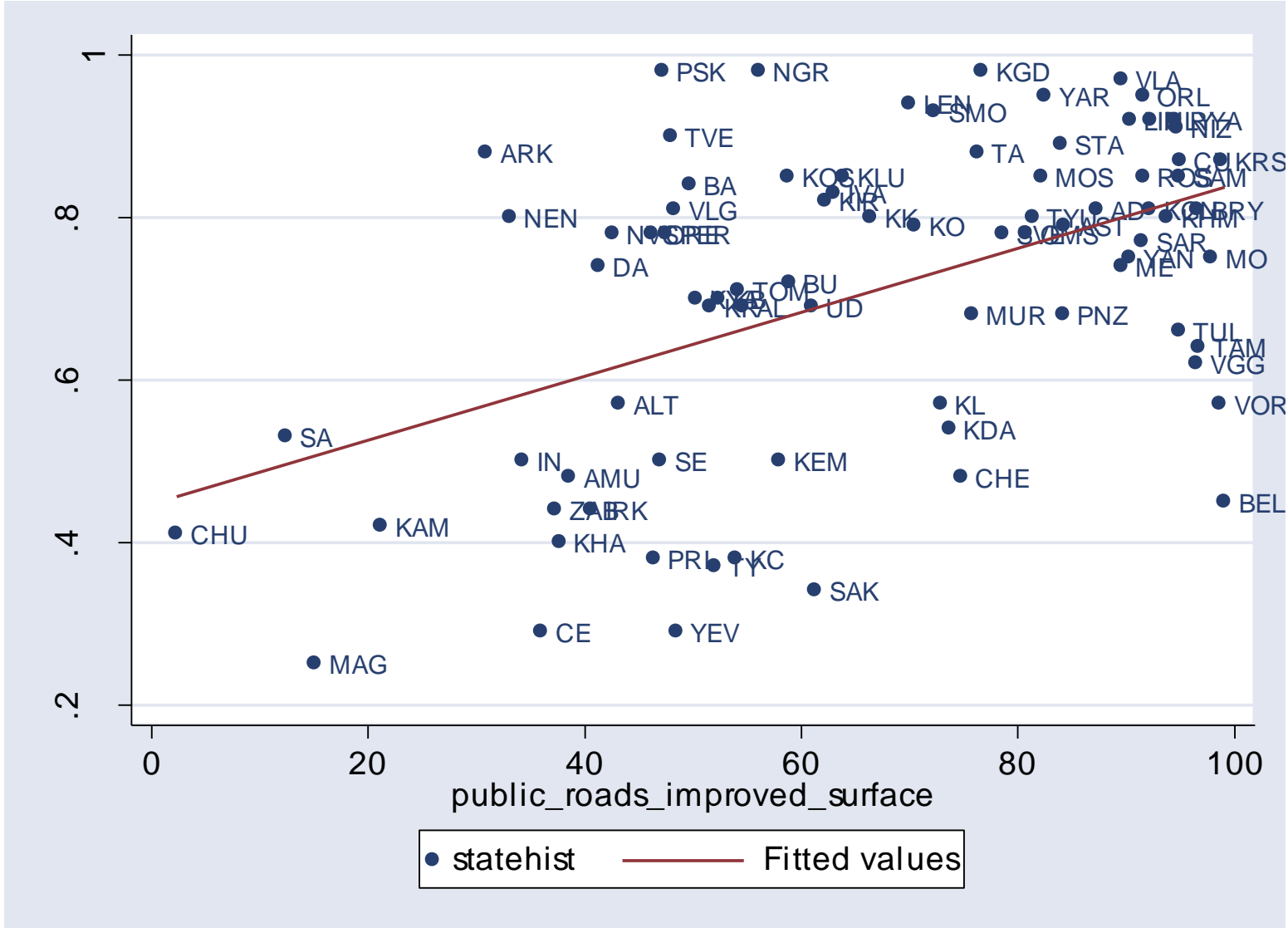
Public bus passengers, per capita adjusted;

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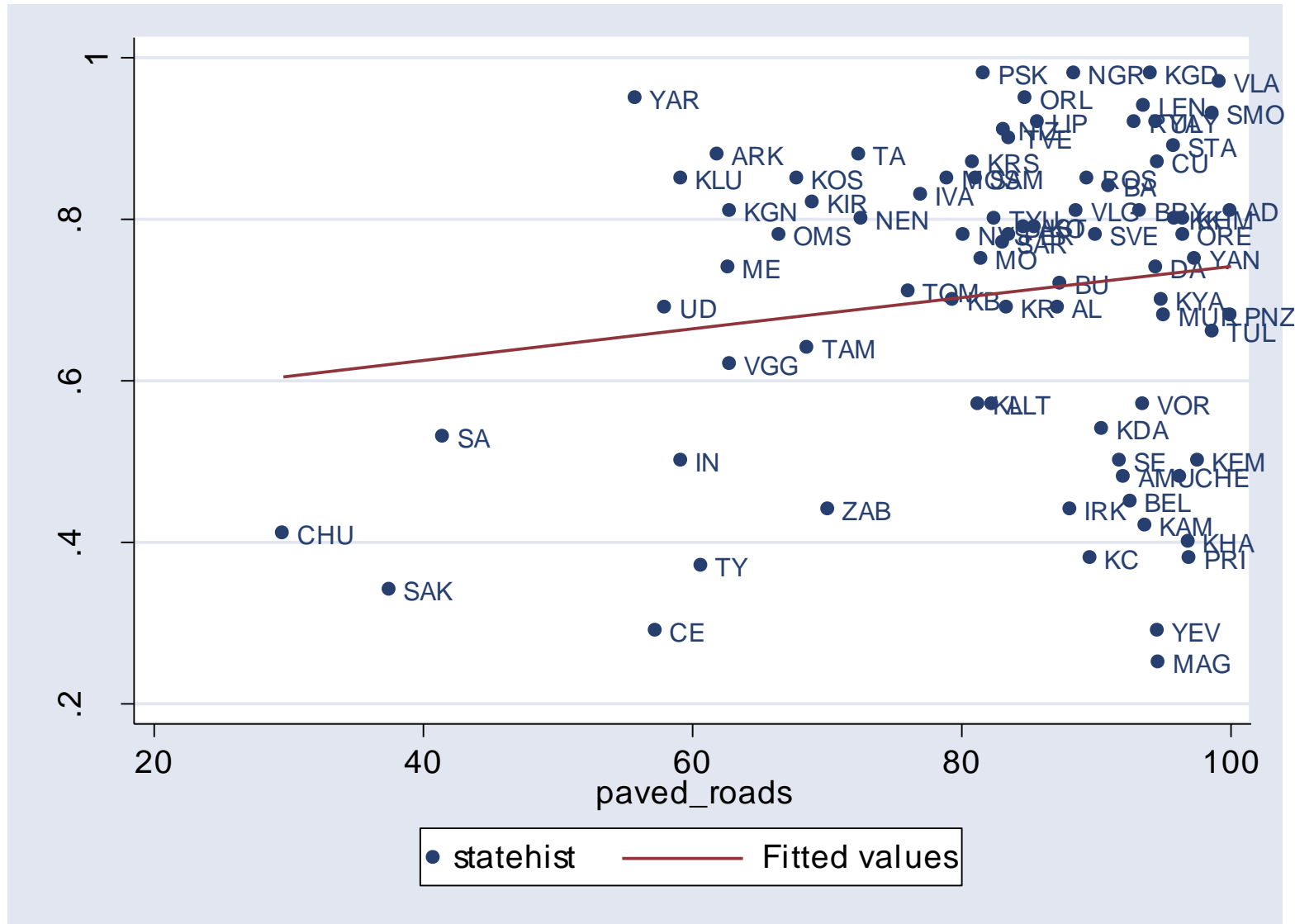
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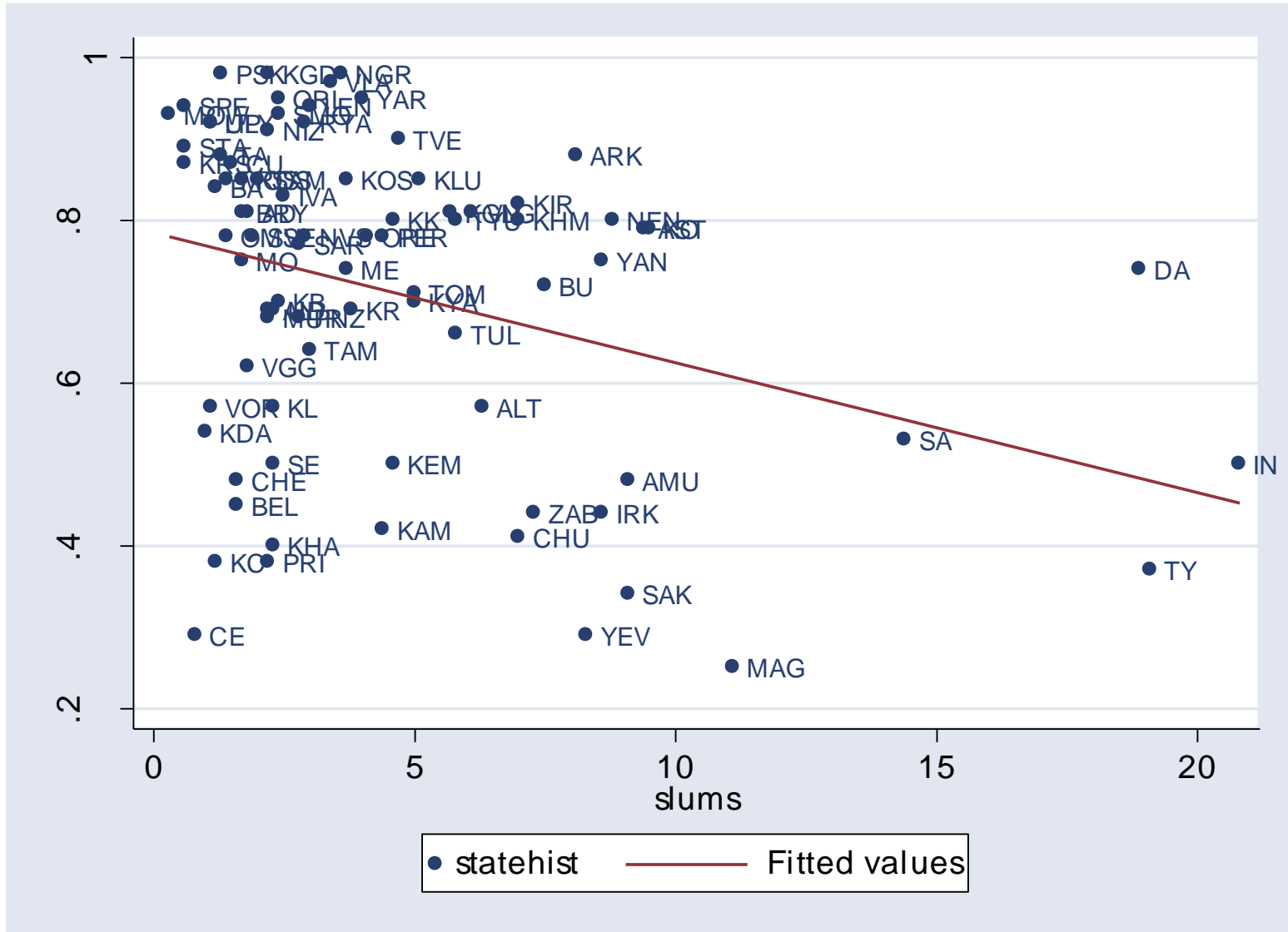
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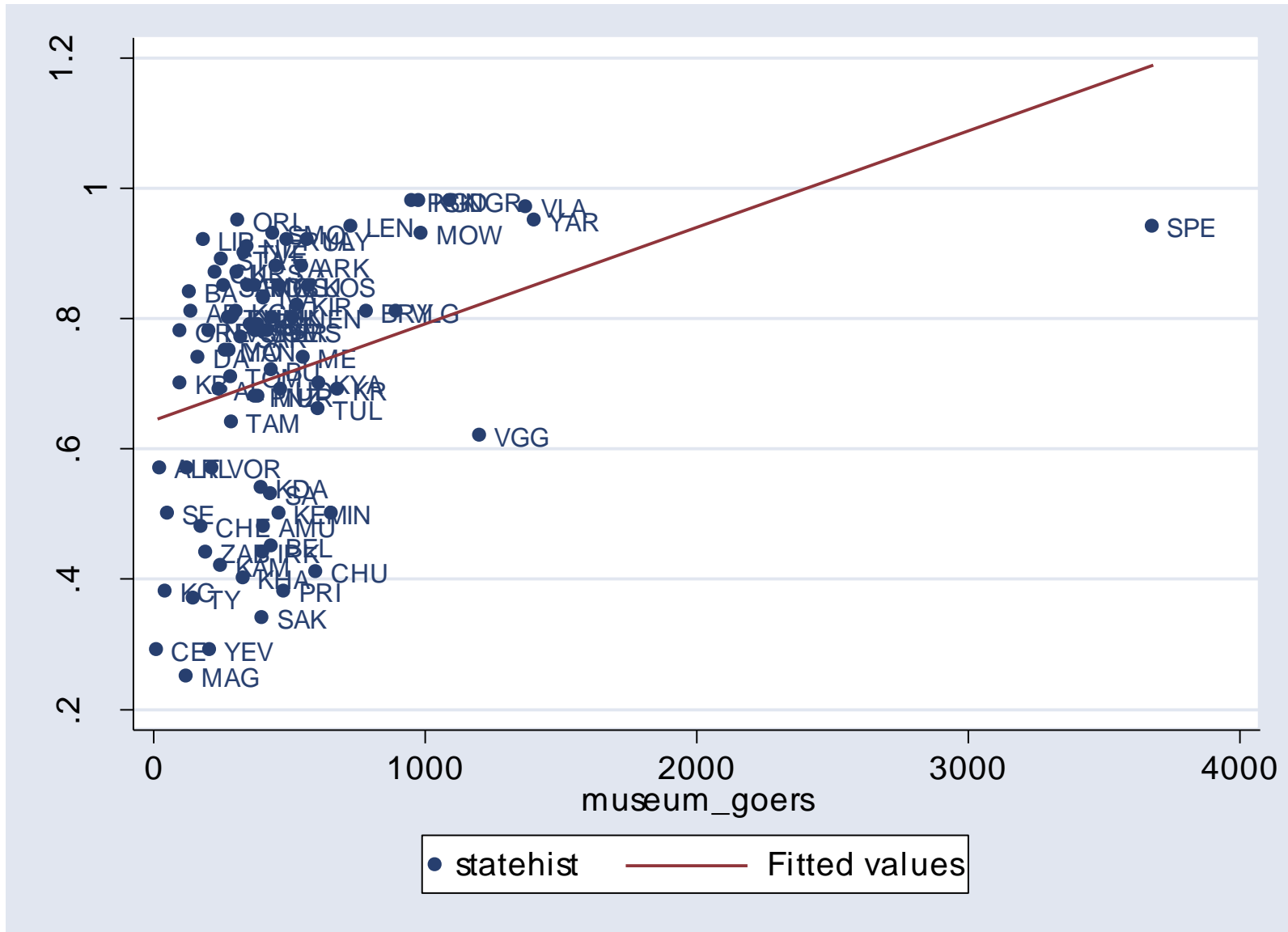
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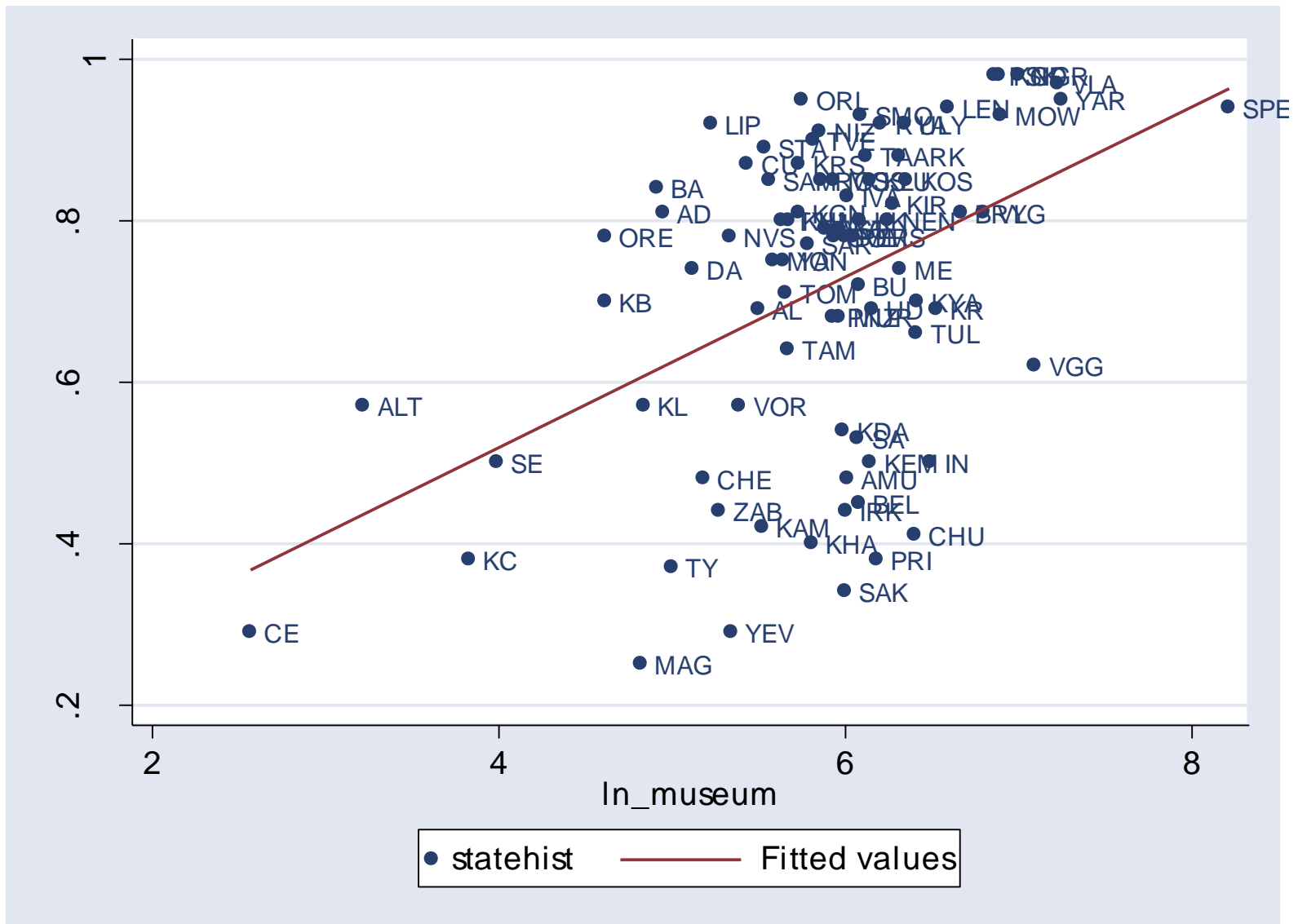
State History and Slum Housing, 2010 (%)



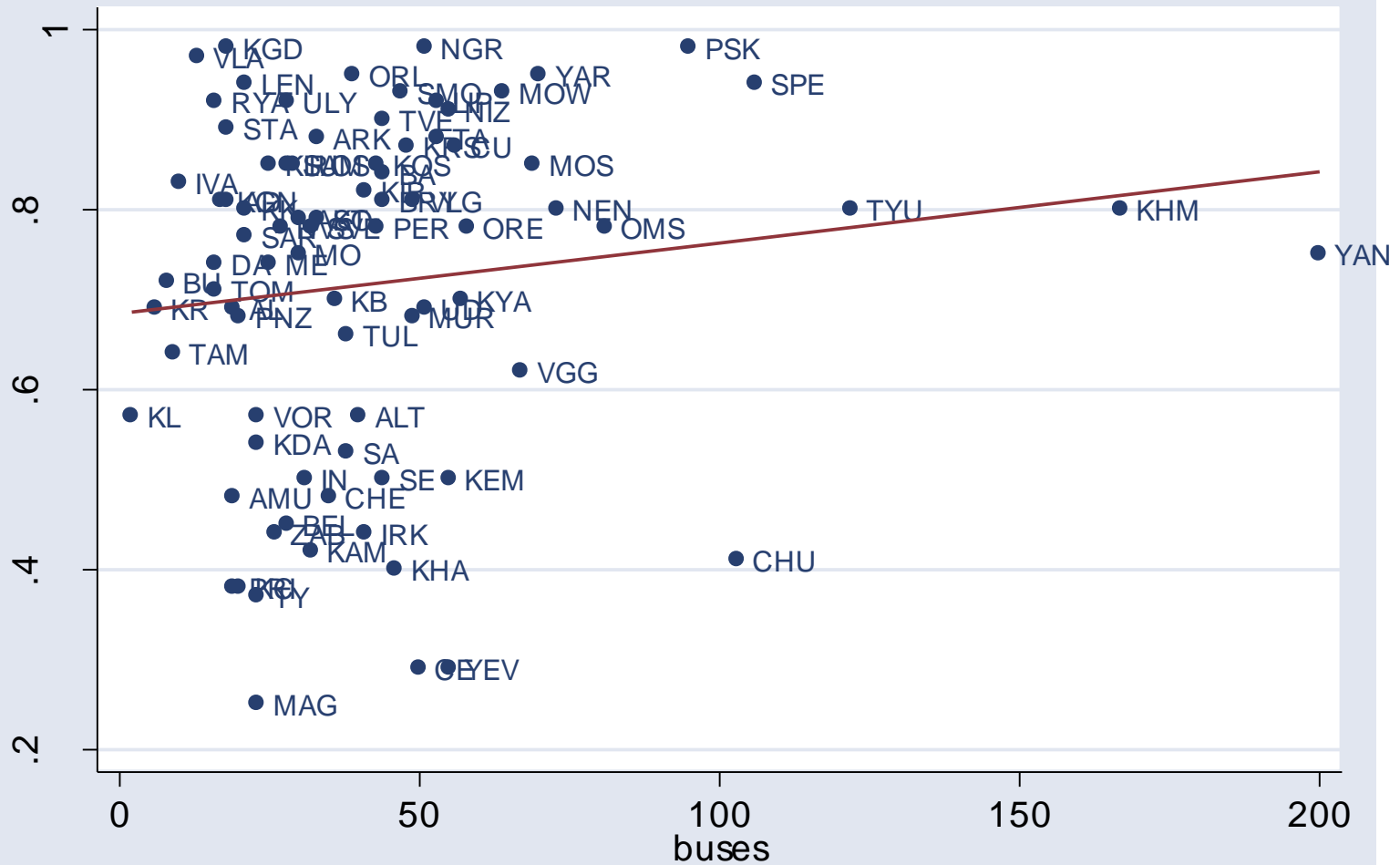
State History and Museum Visitors per 1,000



State History and Museum Visitors per 1,000 (Log)



State History and Public Buses per 1,000



● statehist — Fitted values

State History and Ethnic Fractionalization



Mechanisms

- Regional bargaining (Solnick 1995, Treisman 2000, Stoner-Weiss 2006)
- Norms of vertical compliance (Elias 1982, Foucault 1976, Scott 2004, Pinker 2011)
- Legitimacy of local elites (Martin 2001, Hirsh 2005)
- Sub-nationalist and regionalist movements (Herrera 2005, Singh 2011)

India

- Some surprising similarities to Russia:
- Until 1947, all of South Asia ruled as one single polity with its capital in Delhi
- After collapse of the British Empire, fragments into 8 new nation-states (Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sikkim, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Burma, and from 1971, Bangladesh)
- India is the core successor state to the old empire
- Contains very large number of 'autonomous regions' ('princely states')
- In first decade as a new state, undergoes comprehensive federal reforms ('states reorganisation')

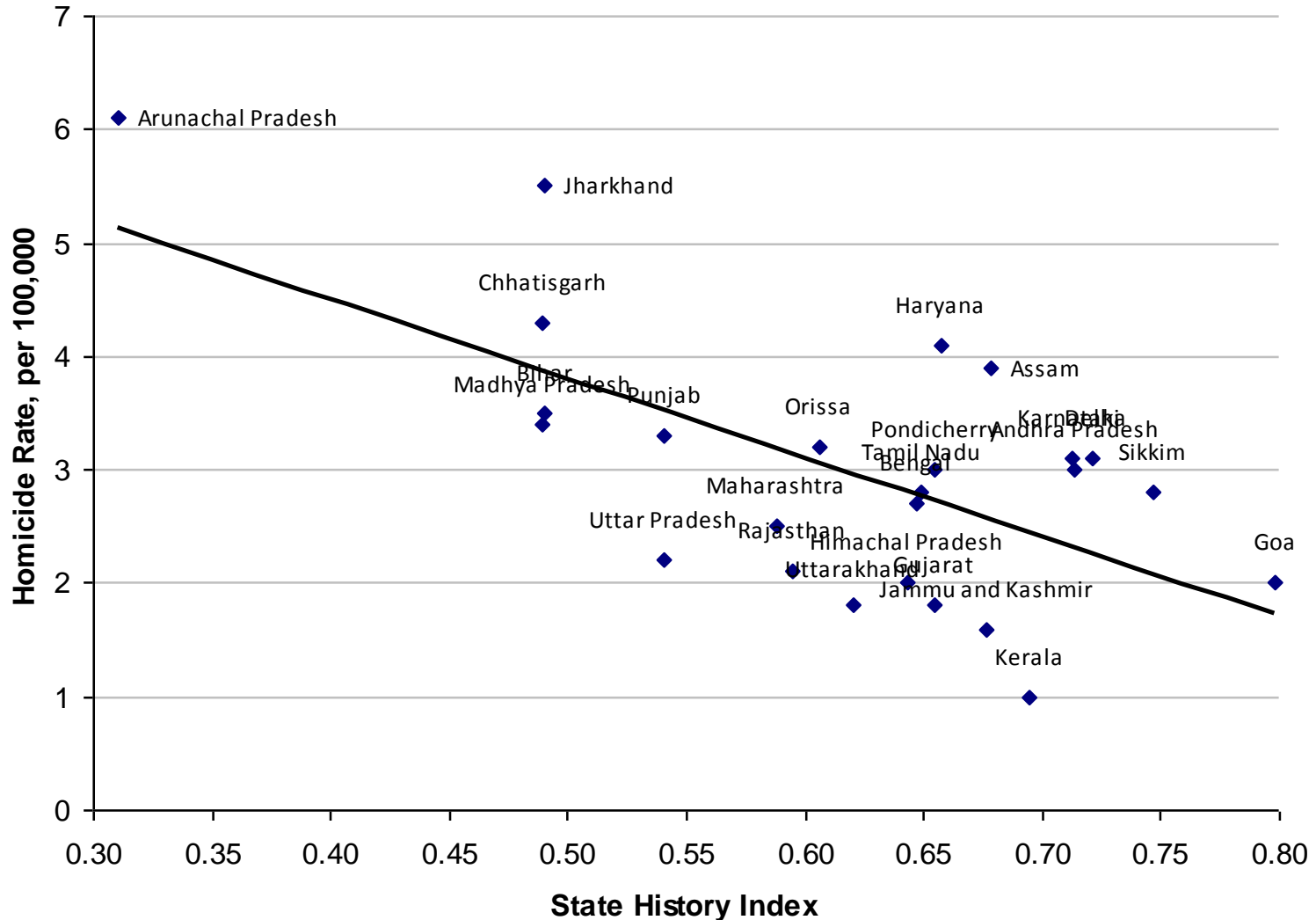


Uttar Pradesh

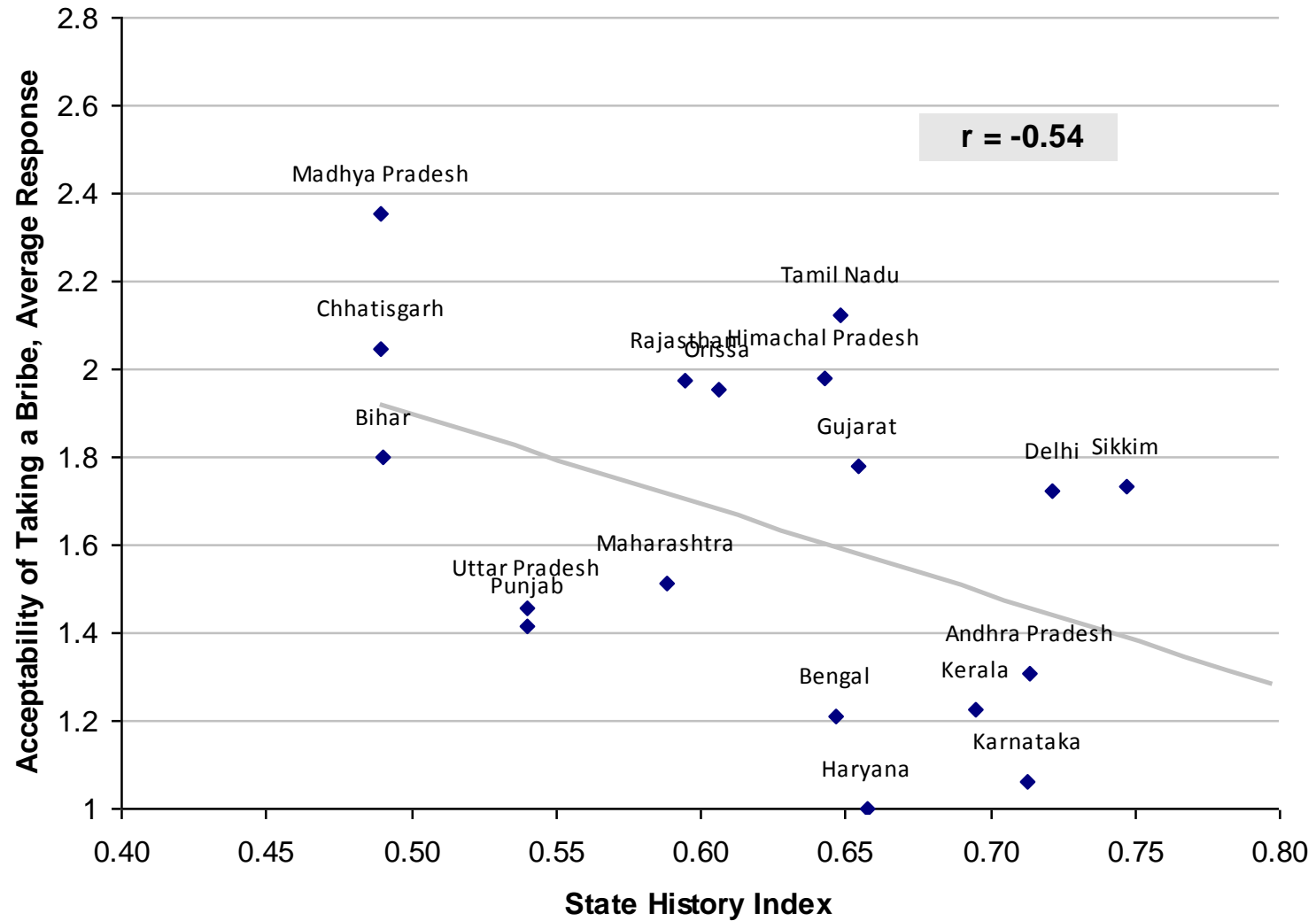
Population: 200 million



State History and Homicide, India



State History and Corruption Tolerance, India



Conclusion

- The cross-country observation between state history and state capacity seems to hold within countries
- The *mechanism* remains open to discussion