

Convergence And Divergence Issues In The Regional Growth Pattern. Abdul Shukor Ariffin. [*Akademika* 9](#)

ABSTRAK

Persoalan 'convergence' dan 'divergence' dalam proses pertumbuhan telah menjadi satu kontroversi yang selalu diperdebatkan. Persoalan yang sama juga berlaku dari segi corak pertumbuhan regional. Pendapat-pendapat yang mengatakan bahawa proses convergence' itu pasti berlaku, diasaskan pada tiga faktor penting. Ini adalah dari segi aliran faktor pengeluaran, peruntukan semula sumber-sumber pengeluaran dan keadaan pertumbuhan kawasan maju yang meleset. Bagaimanapun, ada beberapa pendapat yang mengatakan bahawa proses 'convergence' itu tidak mungkin berlaku meskipun ketiga-tiga faktor itu diambilkira. Malahan, mengikut satu pendapat, aliran faktor pengeluaran ini mungkin merumitkan lagi masalah ketidakseimbangan. Dengan lain perkataan, proses 'divergence' lebih kuat daripada proses 'convergence'. Tujuan makalah ini adalah untuk meninjau secara kritis persoalan-persoalan 'convergence' dan 'divergence' dalam proses dan corak pembangunan regional.

ABSTRACT

The convergence and divergence issues have been keenly debated in relation to the growth process. A similar issue occurs with respect to the pattern of regional growth. Some opinions have suggested that the process of regional growth in a free market will lead to a convergence in regional income per capita. This would occur from three main sources. They are factor price equalisation, reallocation of resources within regions, and convergence of regional growth caused by a decline in the growth rate of developed region. However there are opinions which have pointed out that the convergence in regional growth process cannot occur even if the three factors mentioned are taken into account. One opinion has gone even further to suggest that factor movements between regions may even worsen the problems of regional economic imbalance. In other words the 'divergence' process is more predominant than that of the 'convergence' process.