

Decentralization and Public Trust in Governments

A Comparative Study of Japan and South Korea

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Causation

- Trust is a critical factor to achieve the consensus to have collaborative governance structure (Kikuchi 2008)
- Decentralization is to improve governance by bringing government closer to citizen (Blari 2000)
- Why, Decentralization → public trust?
 - Public trust is not a sufficient condition for decentralization
 - Top-down decentralization in two countries

Decentralization in Japan and South Korea

Sub-categories of Decentralization	Japan	South Korea
Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipality system began by constitution in 1947 - Unified local election every 4 years since 1947 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By constitution in 1948 - Suspended in 1972 - Reintroduced in 1991
Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practical needs in the collapse of bubble economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political cause - A part of democratization
Fiscal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local tax by ordinances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principle of no taxation without law - fiscal self-reliance ratio : 62.5%(1995)→46.6%(2016)

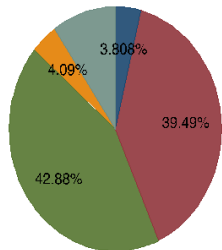
➤ South Korea is less decentralized than Japan

Trust in Gov't: Japan

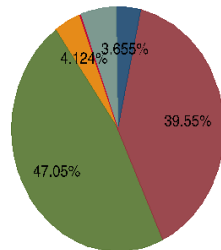
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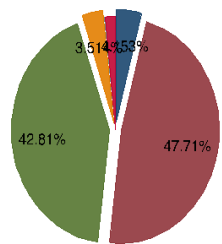
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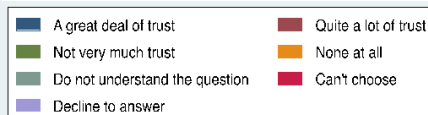
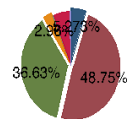
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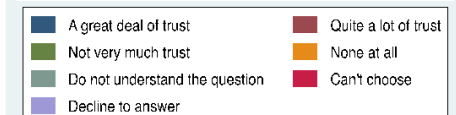
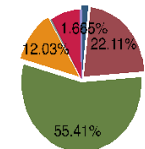
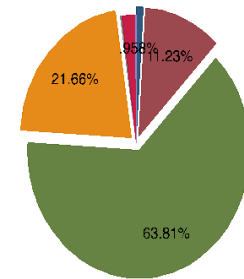
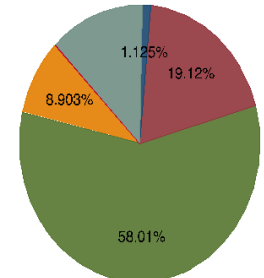
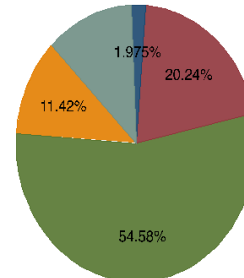
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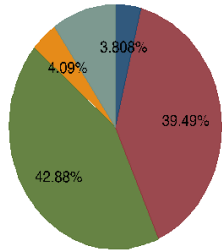
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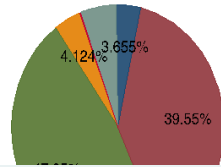
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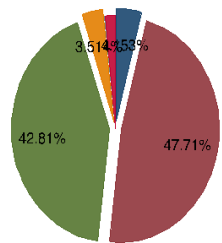
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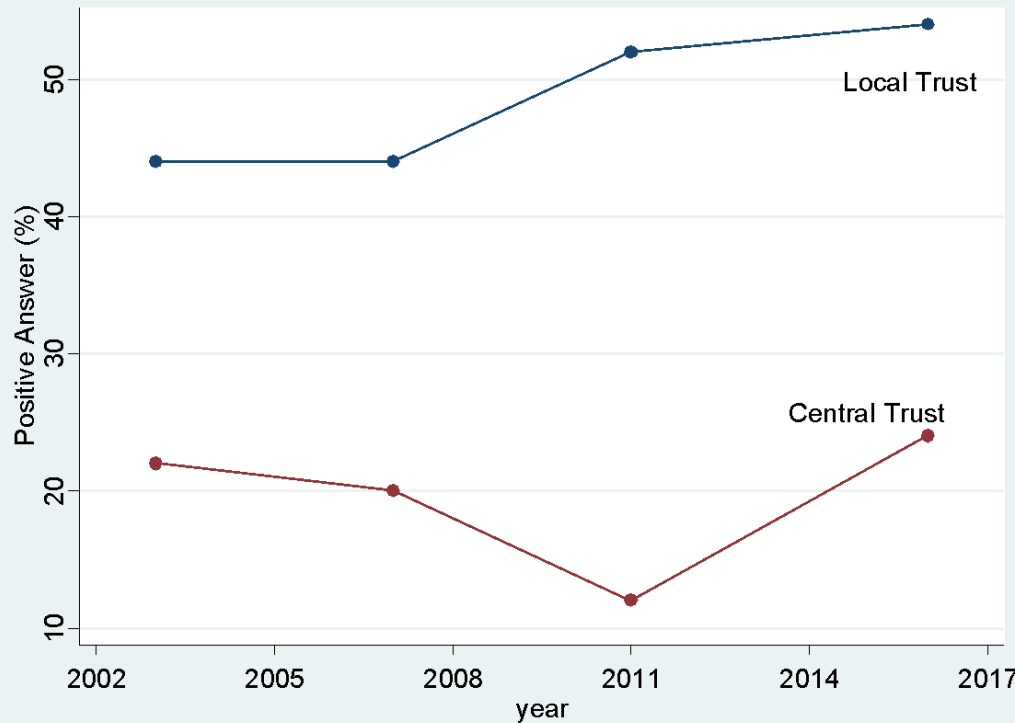
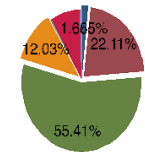
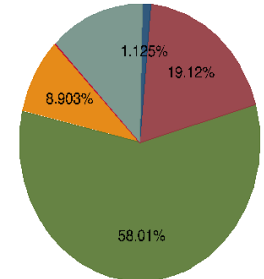
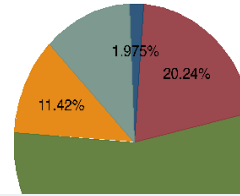
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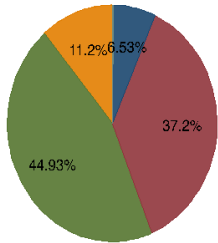


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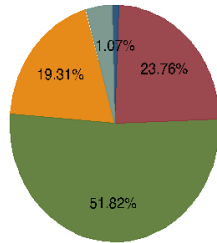
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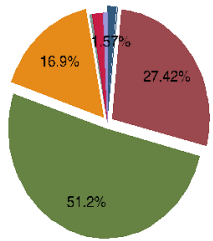
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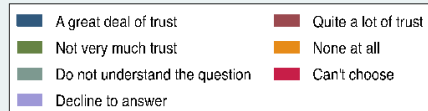
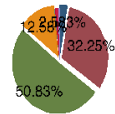
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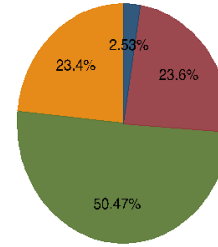


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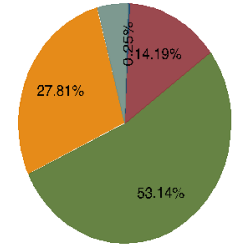
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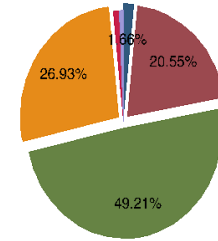
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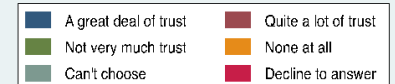
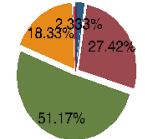
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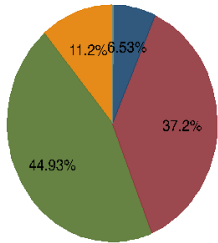
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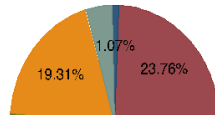
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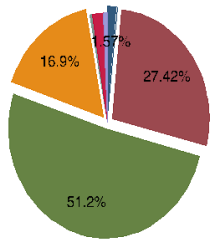
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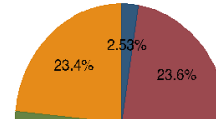


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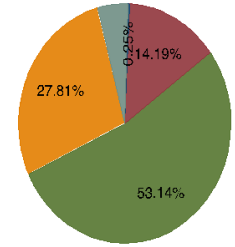
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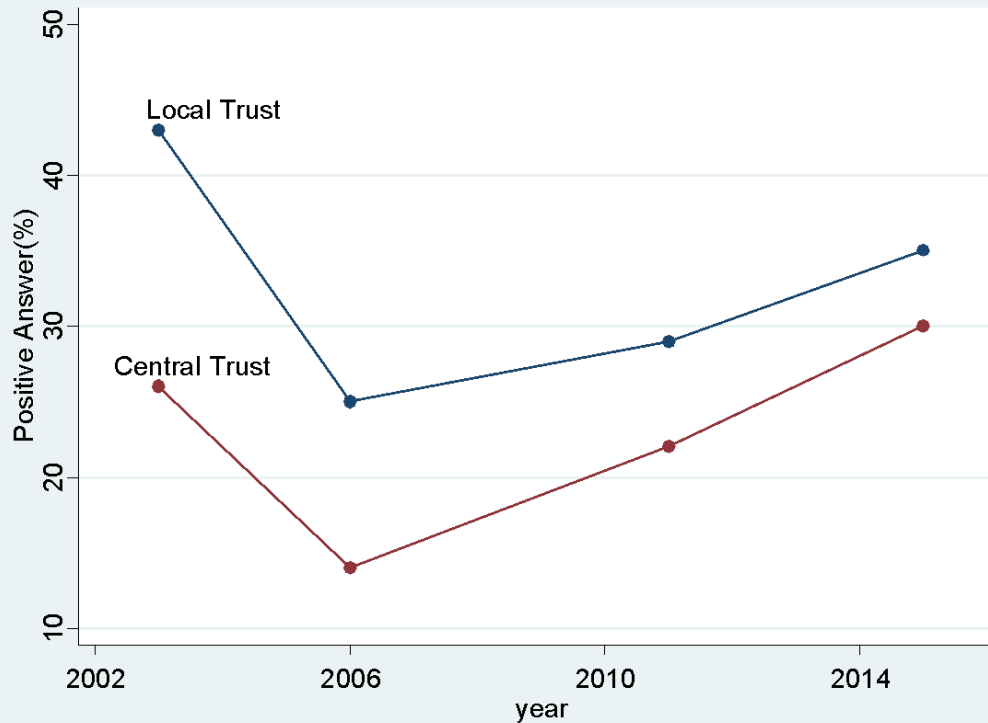
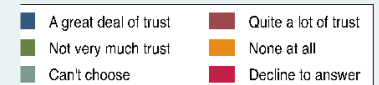
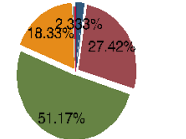
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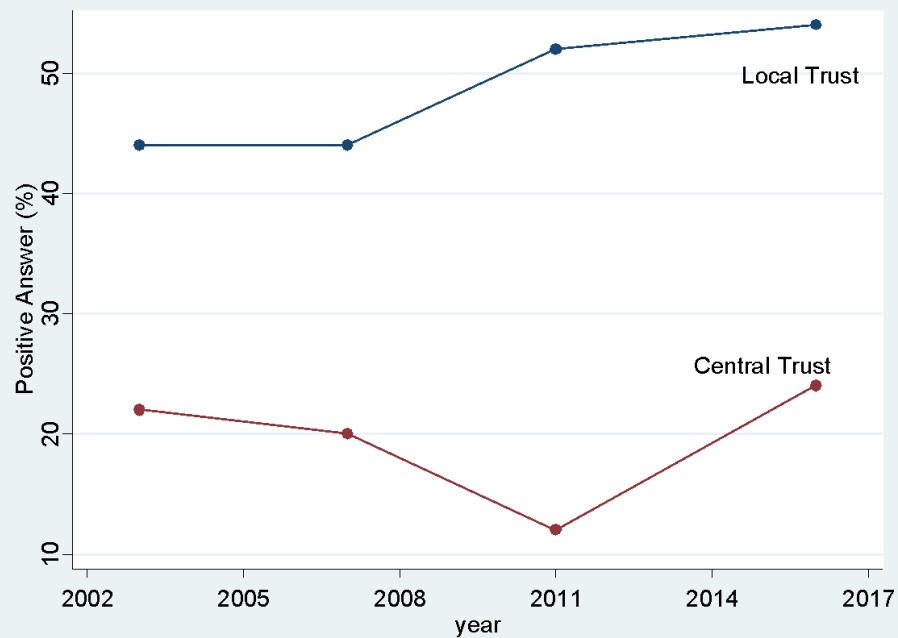


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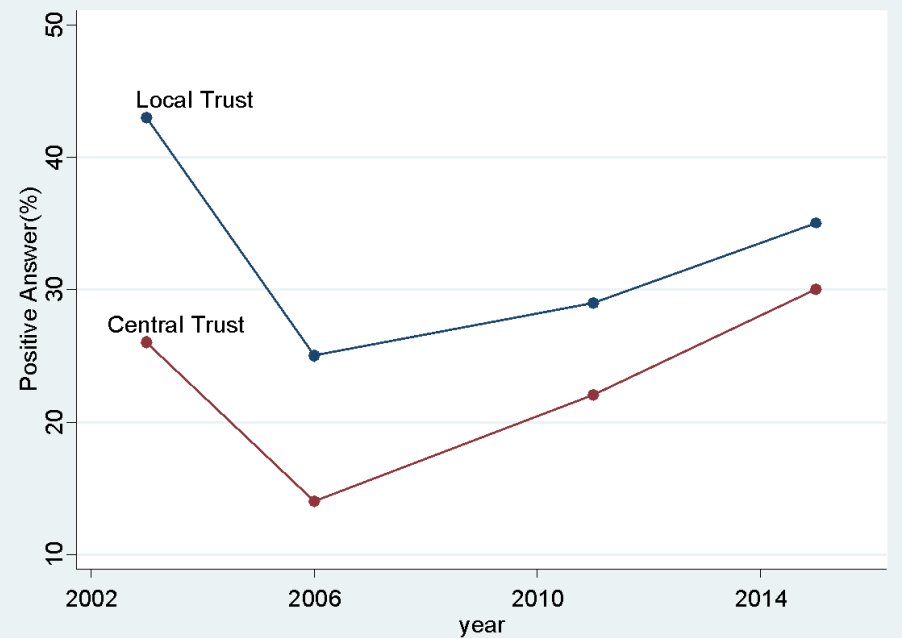


Aggregated Trust at Nat'l Level

Japan

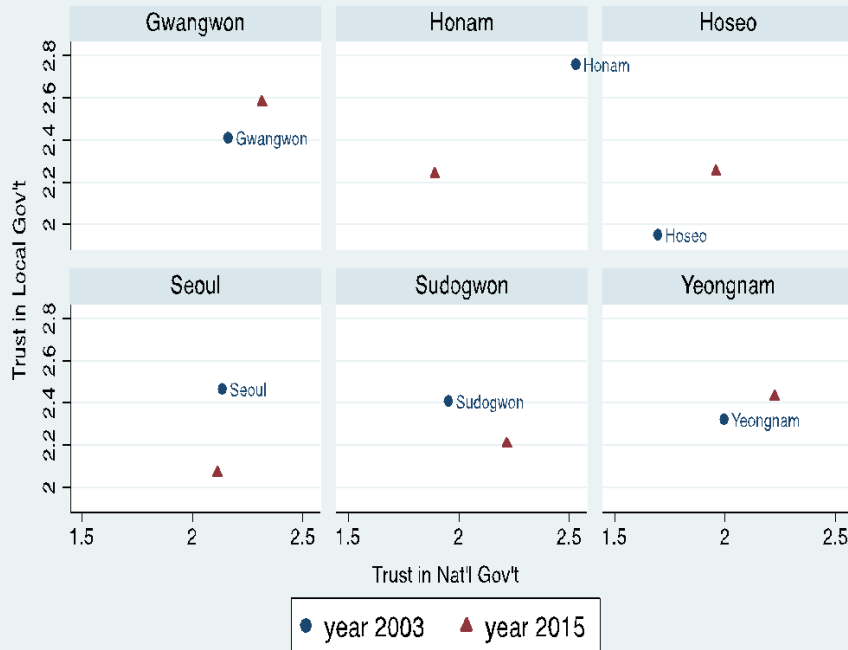


South Korea



Regional Trust in Gov't: Korea

Changes in Trust in Gov't
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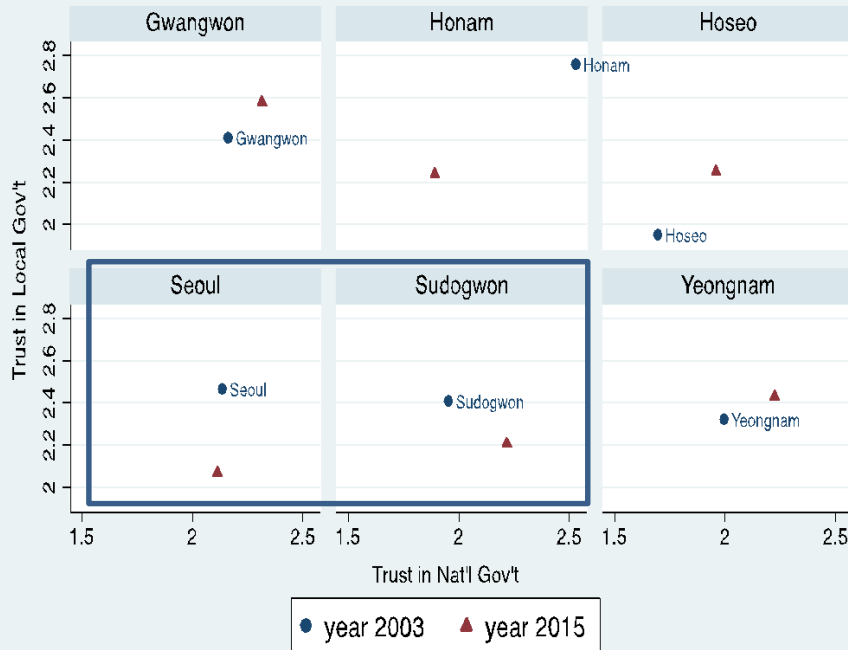


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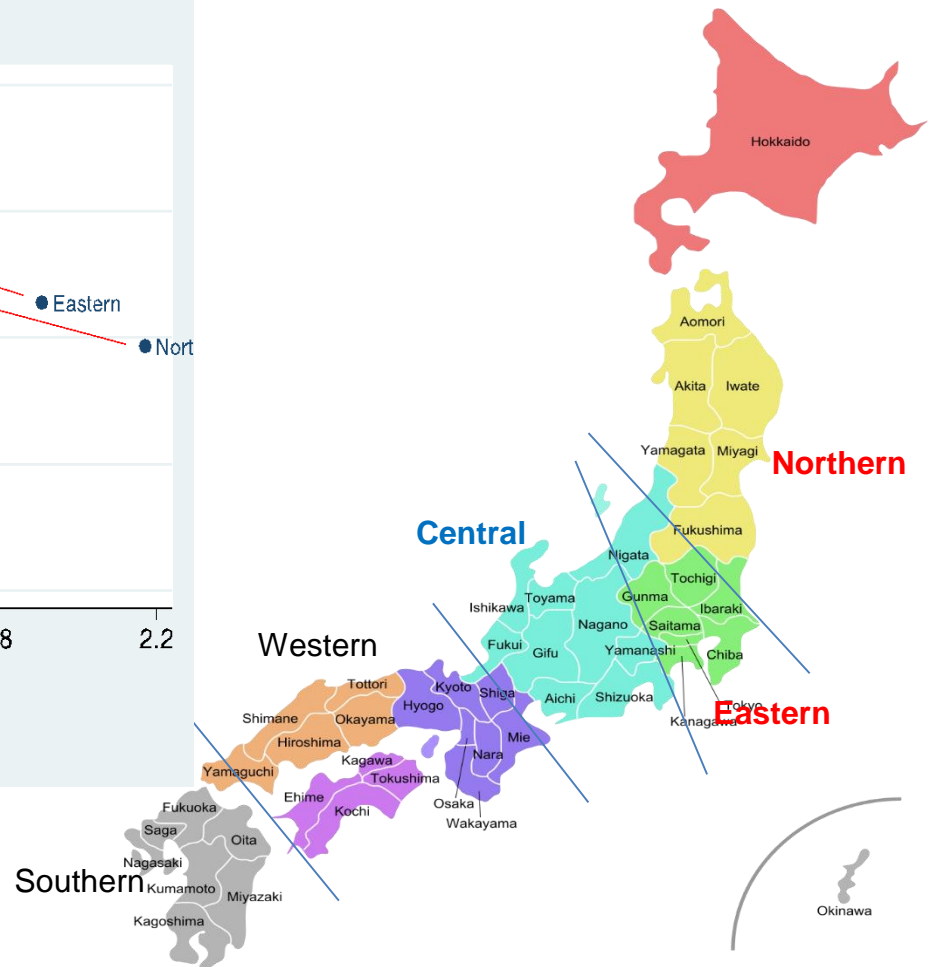
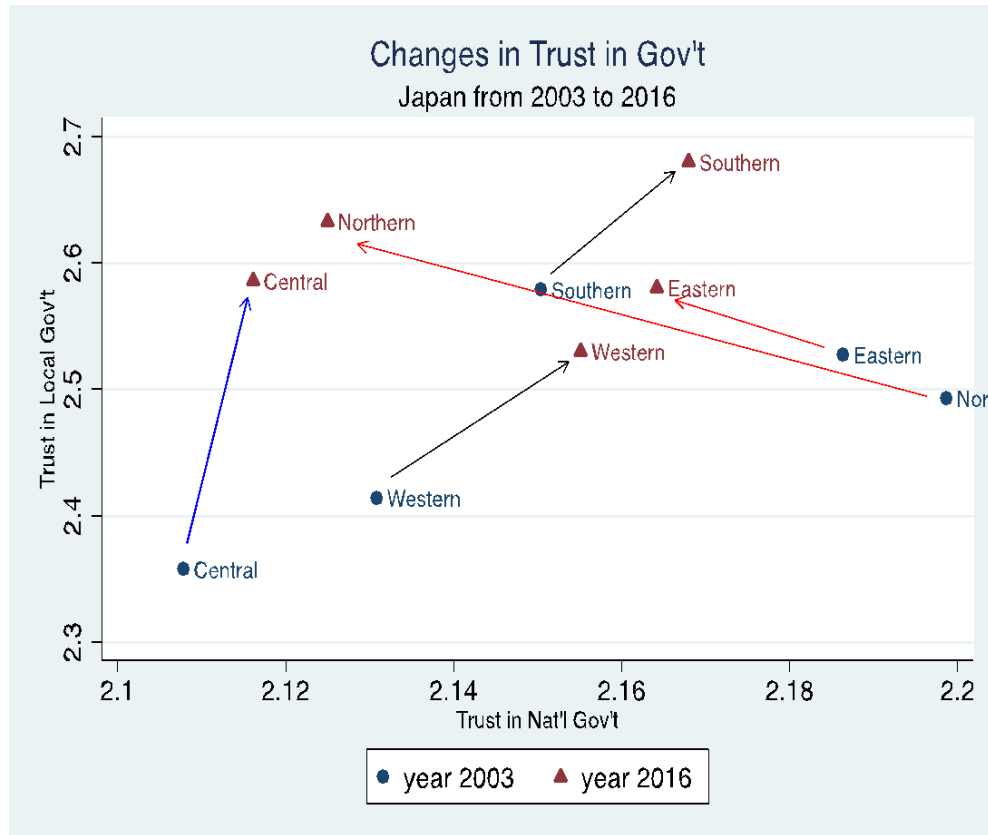
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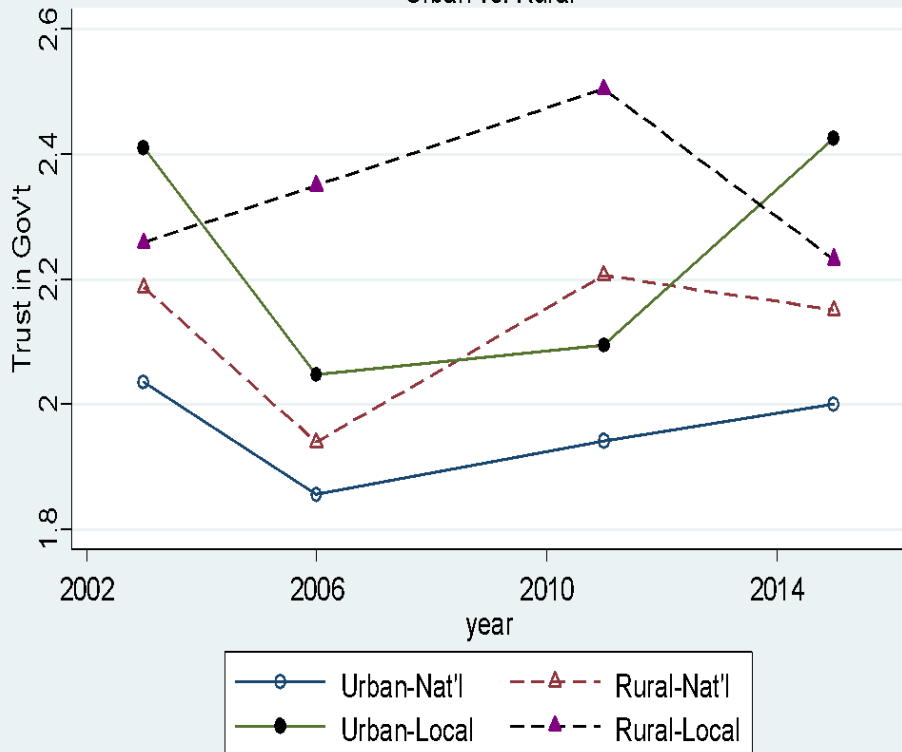


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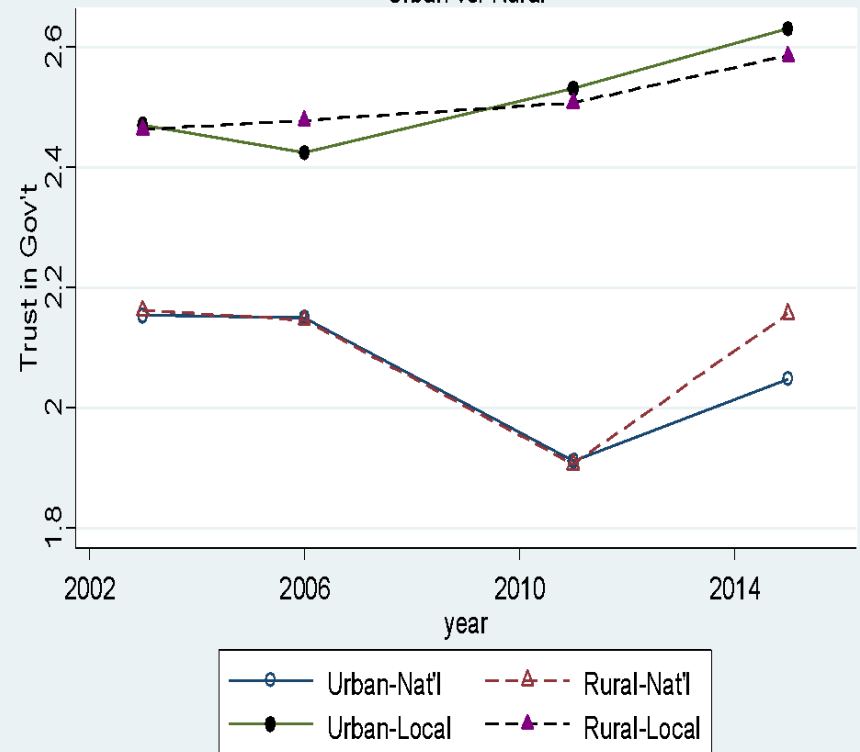


Urban vs. Rural Trust in Gov't: South Korea and Japan

Serial Changes in Trust in Government in South Korea
Urban vs. Rural



Serial Changes in Trust in Government in Japan
Urban vs. Rural



Summary and Future Plan

- Findings
 - Japan is more decentralized than South Korea
 - Central affairs do not seem to affect local affairs in Japan. In contrast, trust for local and central gov't seems to move side by side in South Korea.
 - Regional variations in trust in governments exist in both countries. But why?
- What to do in the future
 - Utilizing individual level information from Asian Barometer Survey data
 - Path Analysis
 - Structural Equation model (Political participation, social capital and so on)