

Demographic Dynamics and the Question of Sustainably: Abiding Policy Debate in the GCC

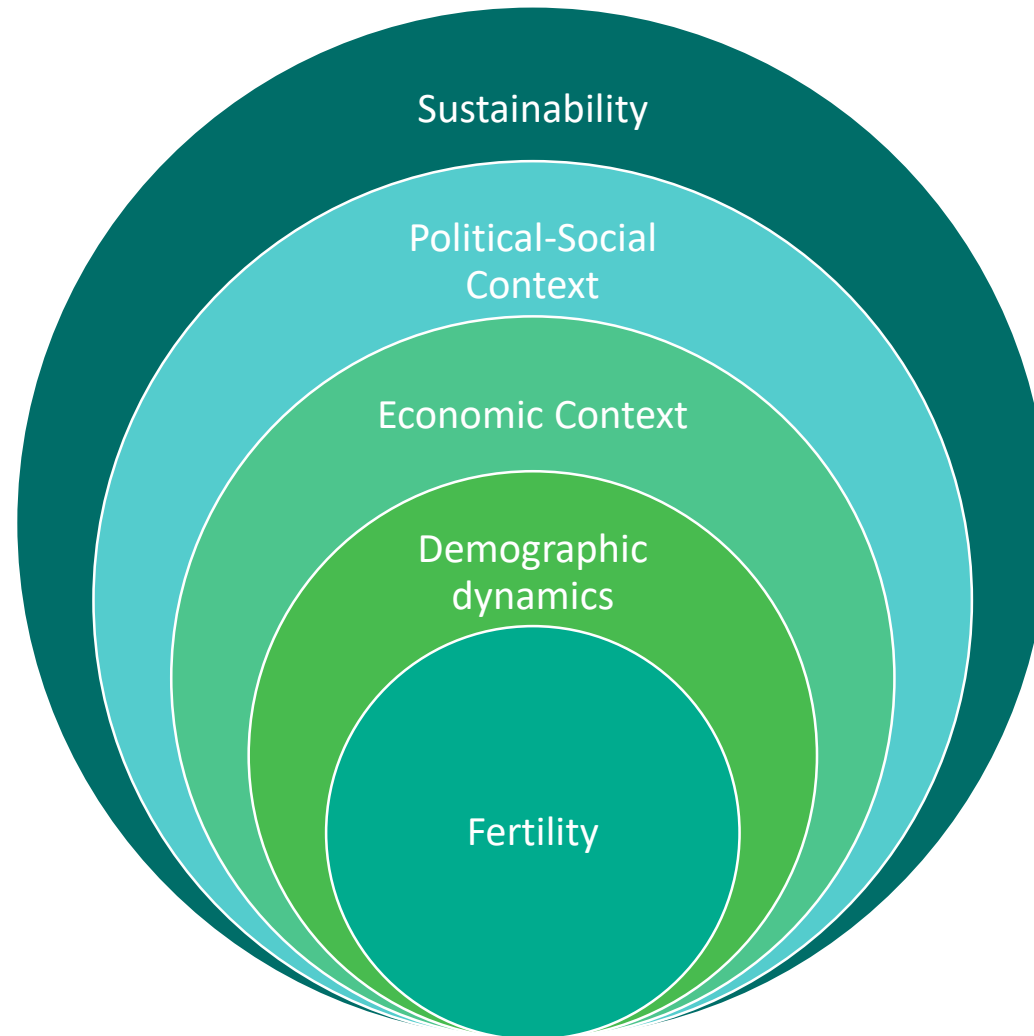
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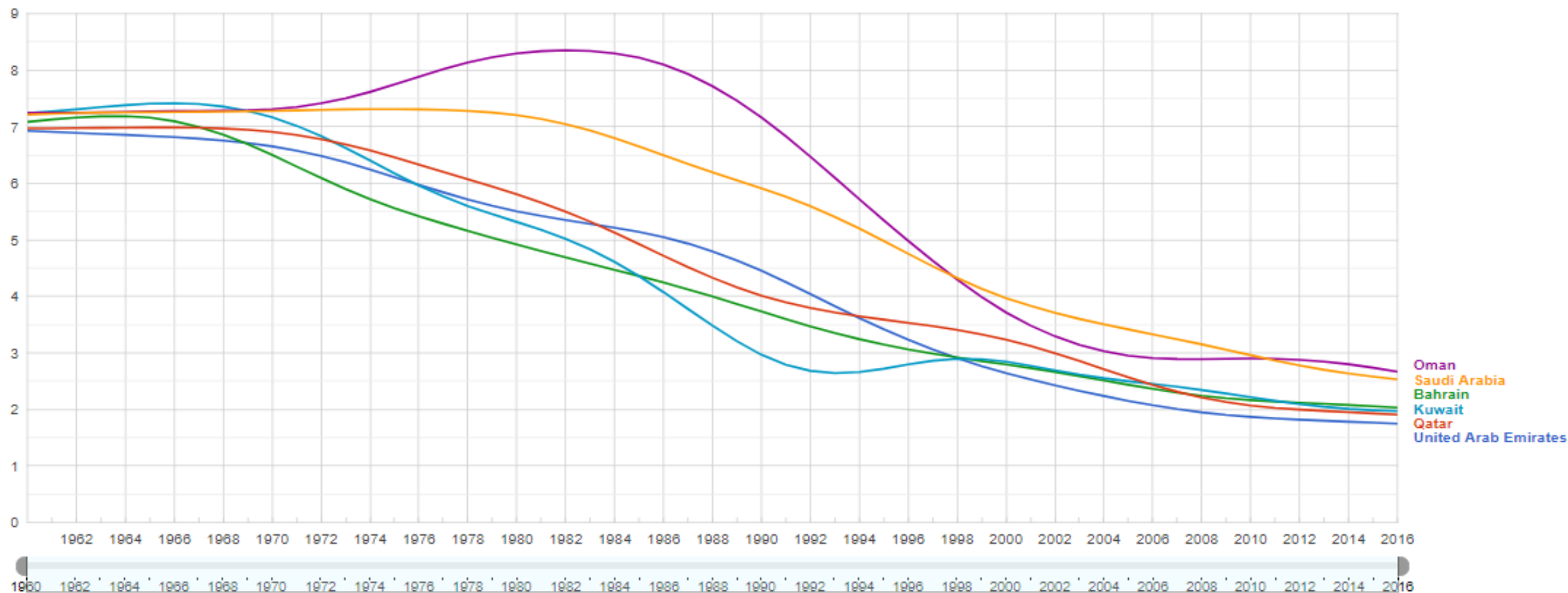
Introduction

What is the presentation about?

- Putting fertility in the GCC in a Broder Macro-level Context

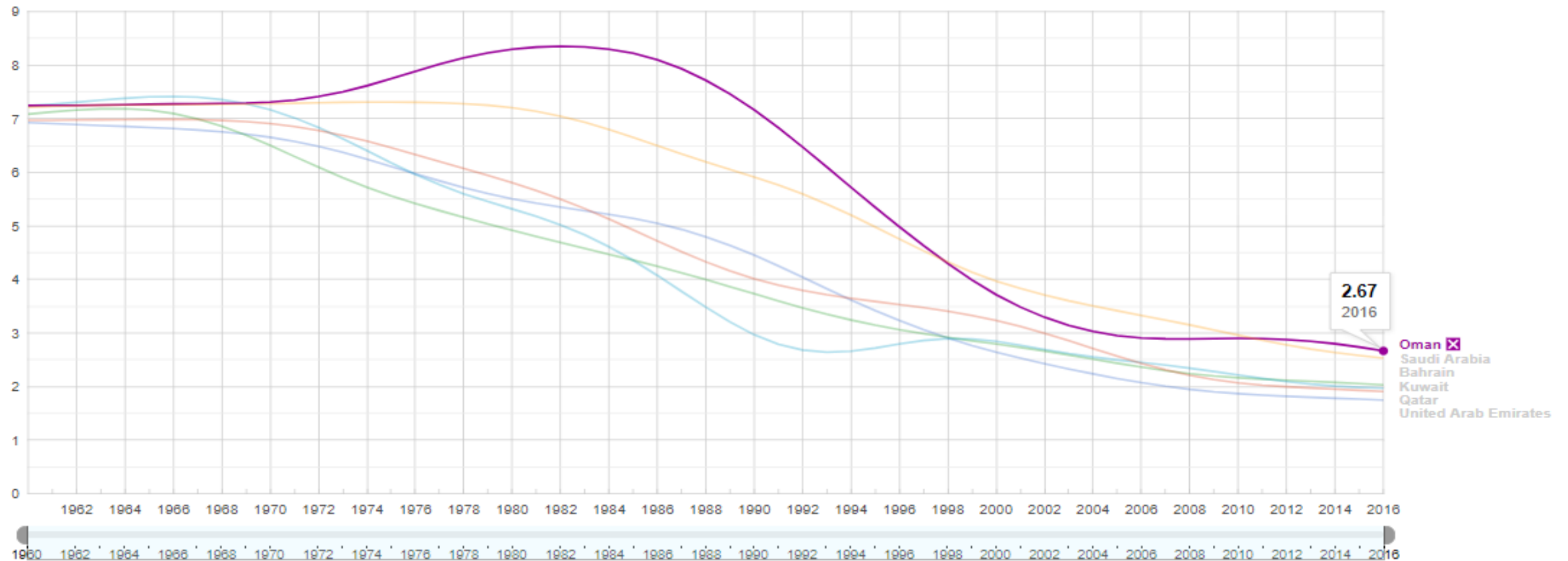


Total Fertility Rates in the GCC



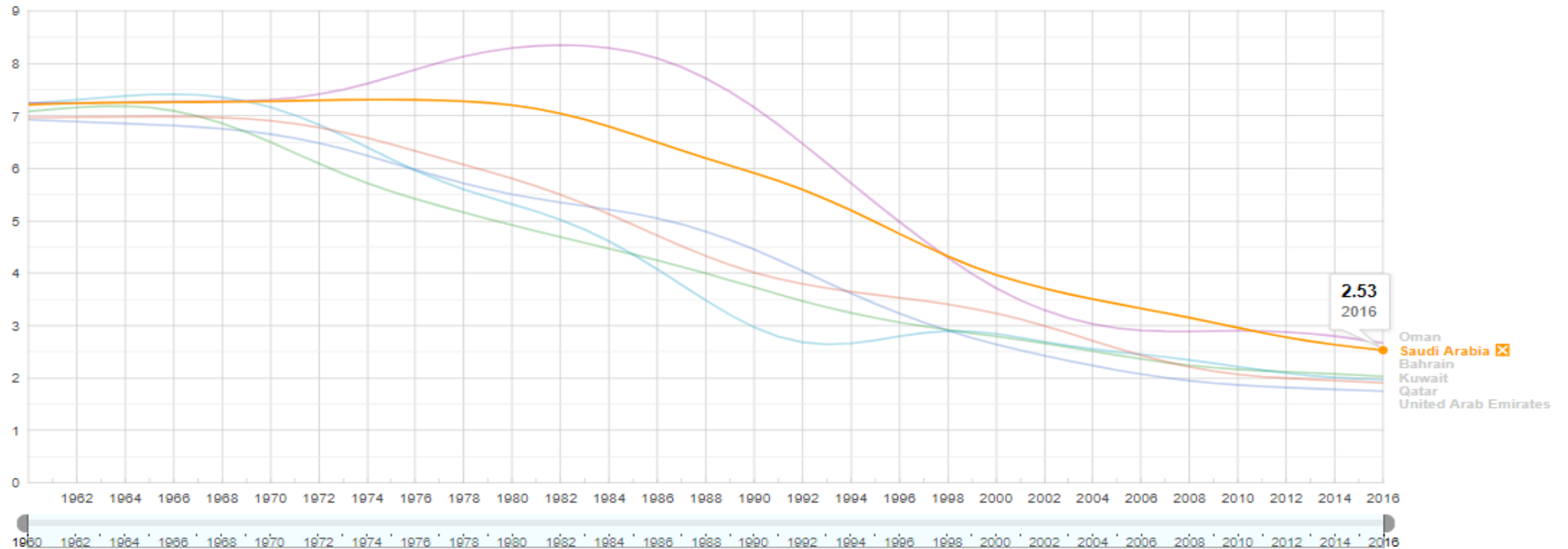
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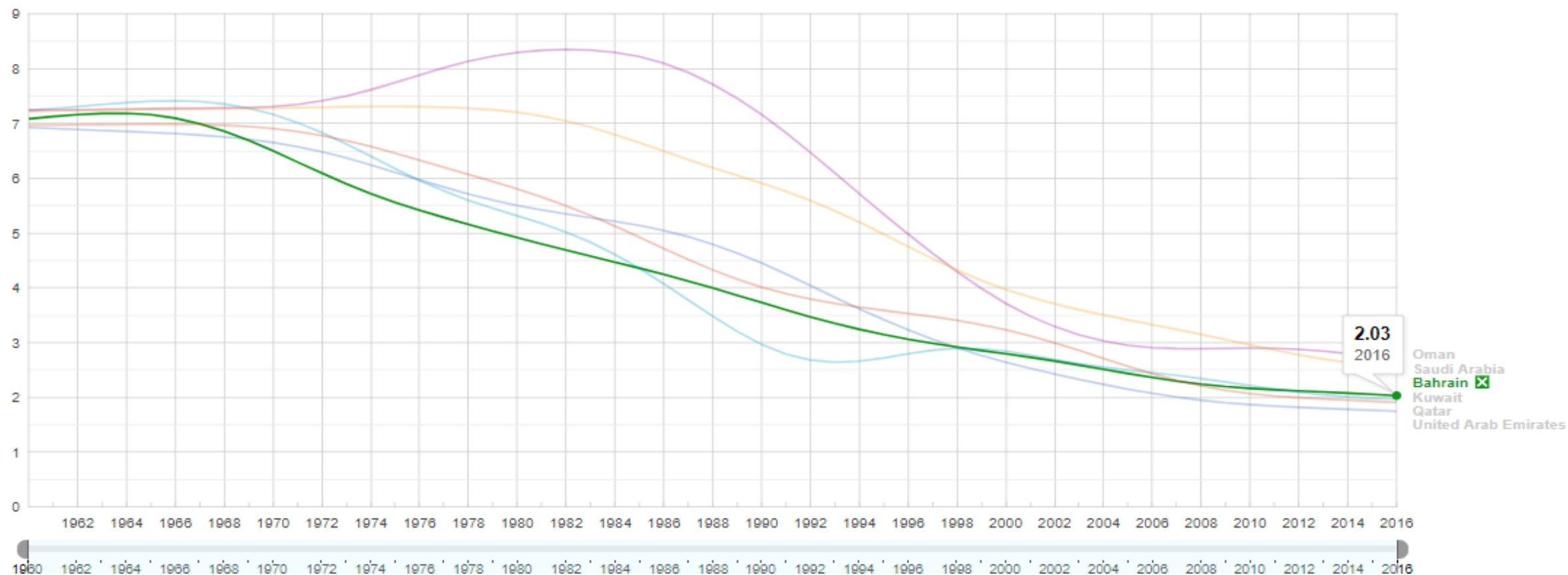
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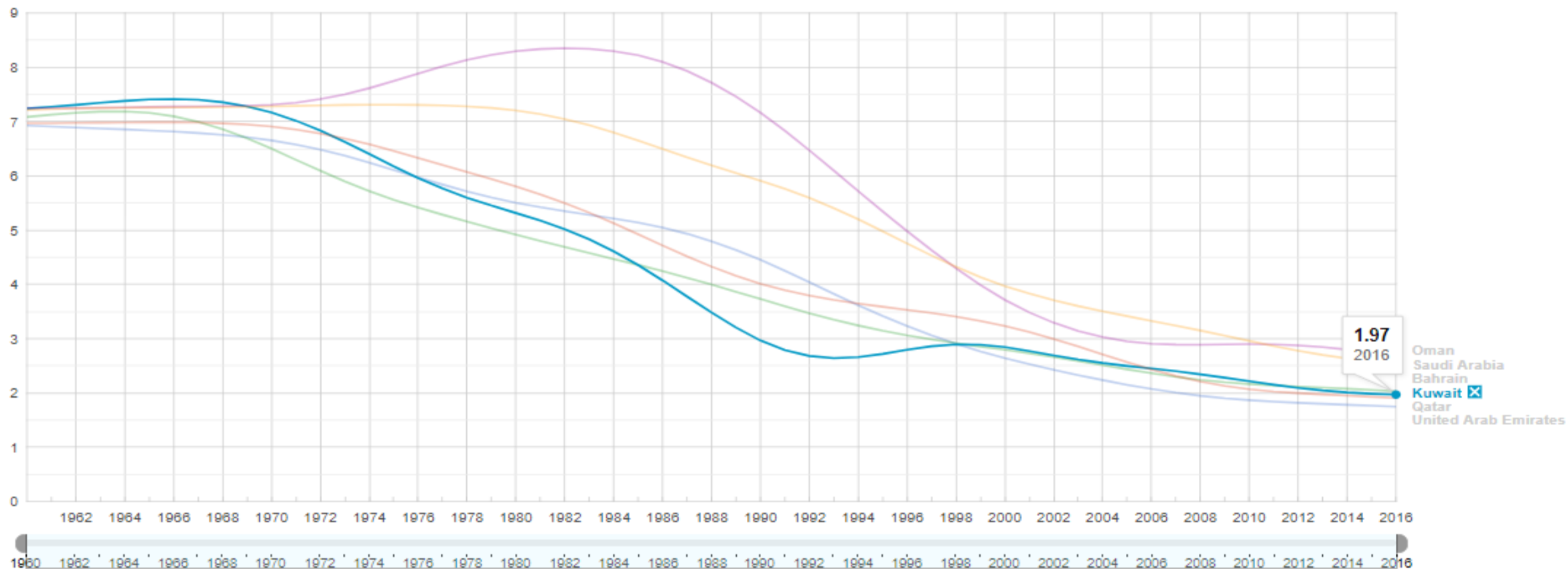
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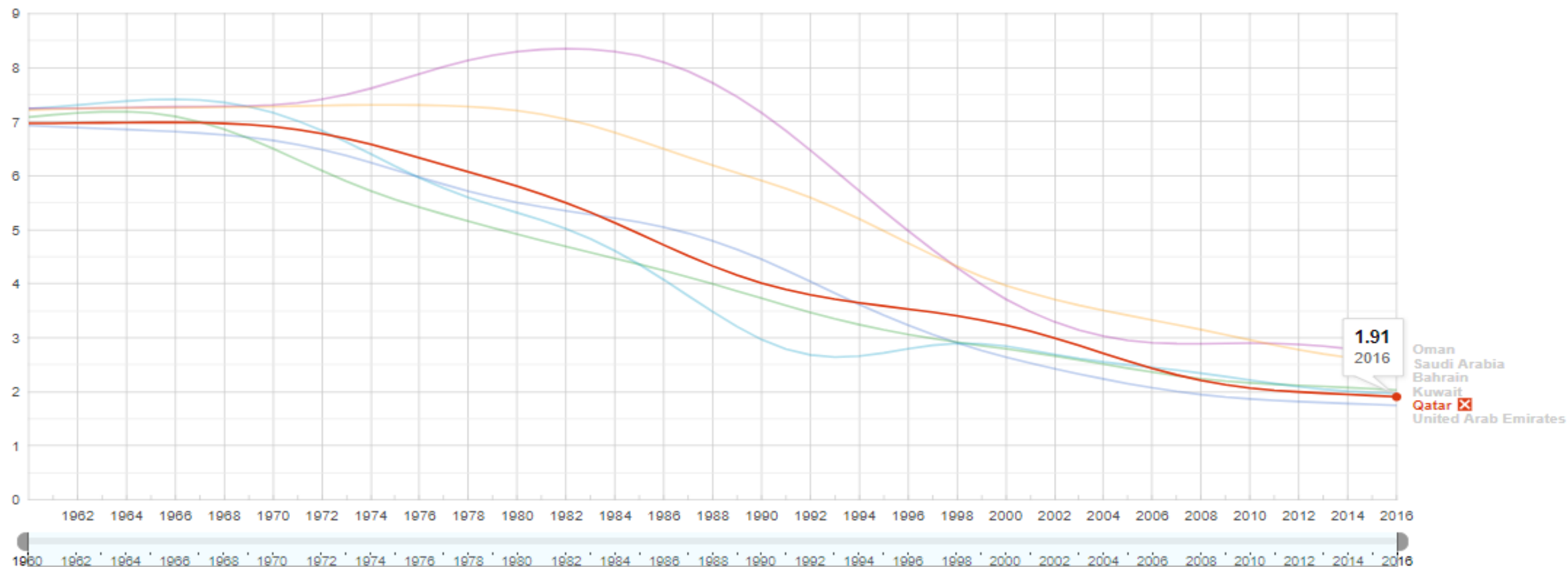
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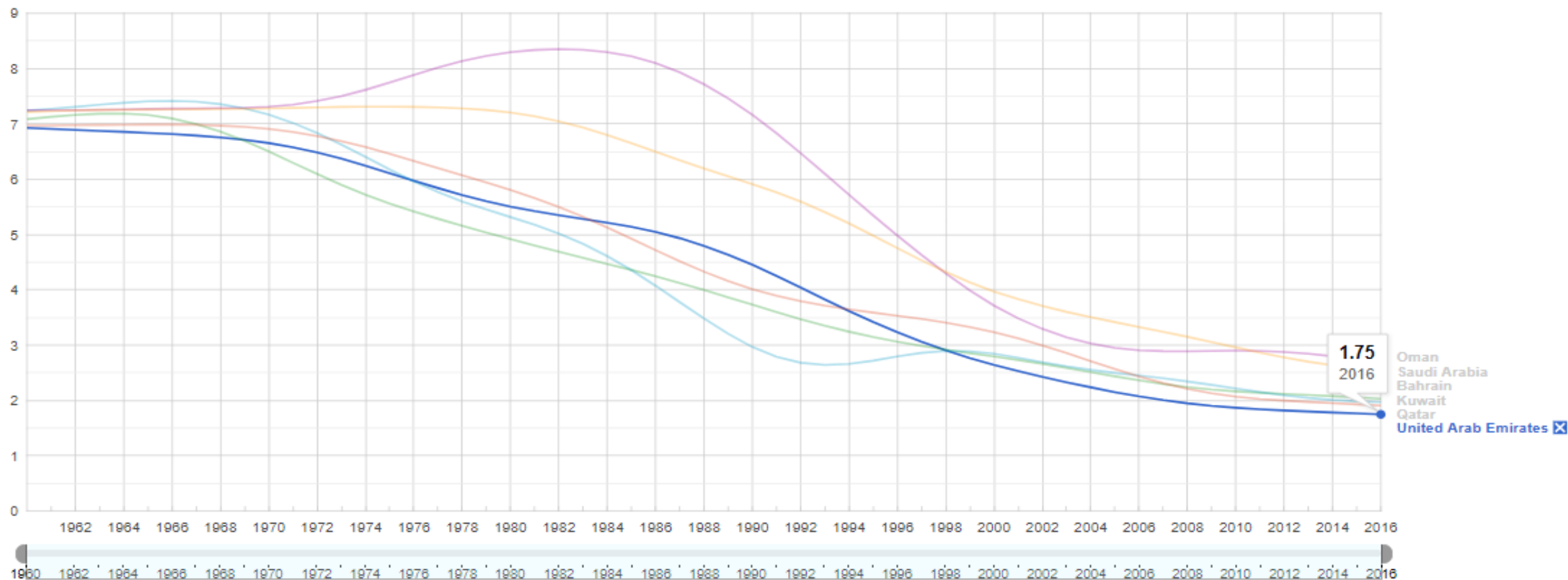
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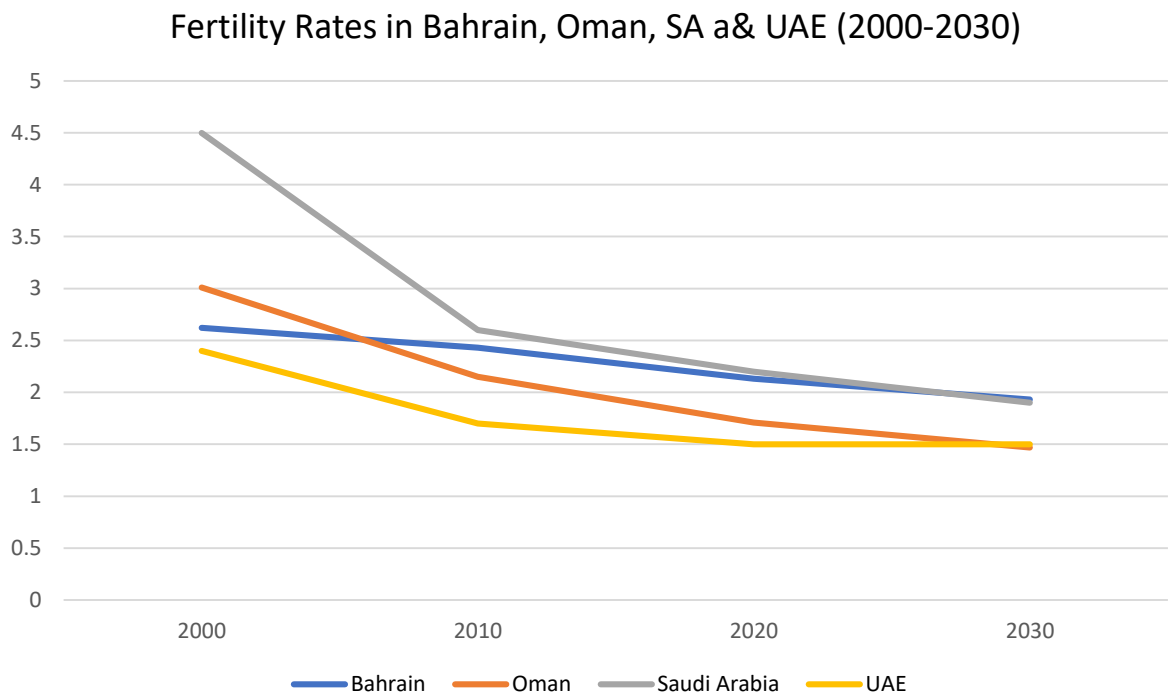


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Bahrain, Oman, SA and UAE

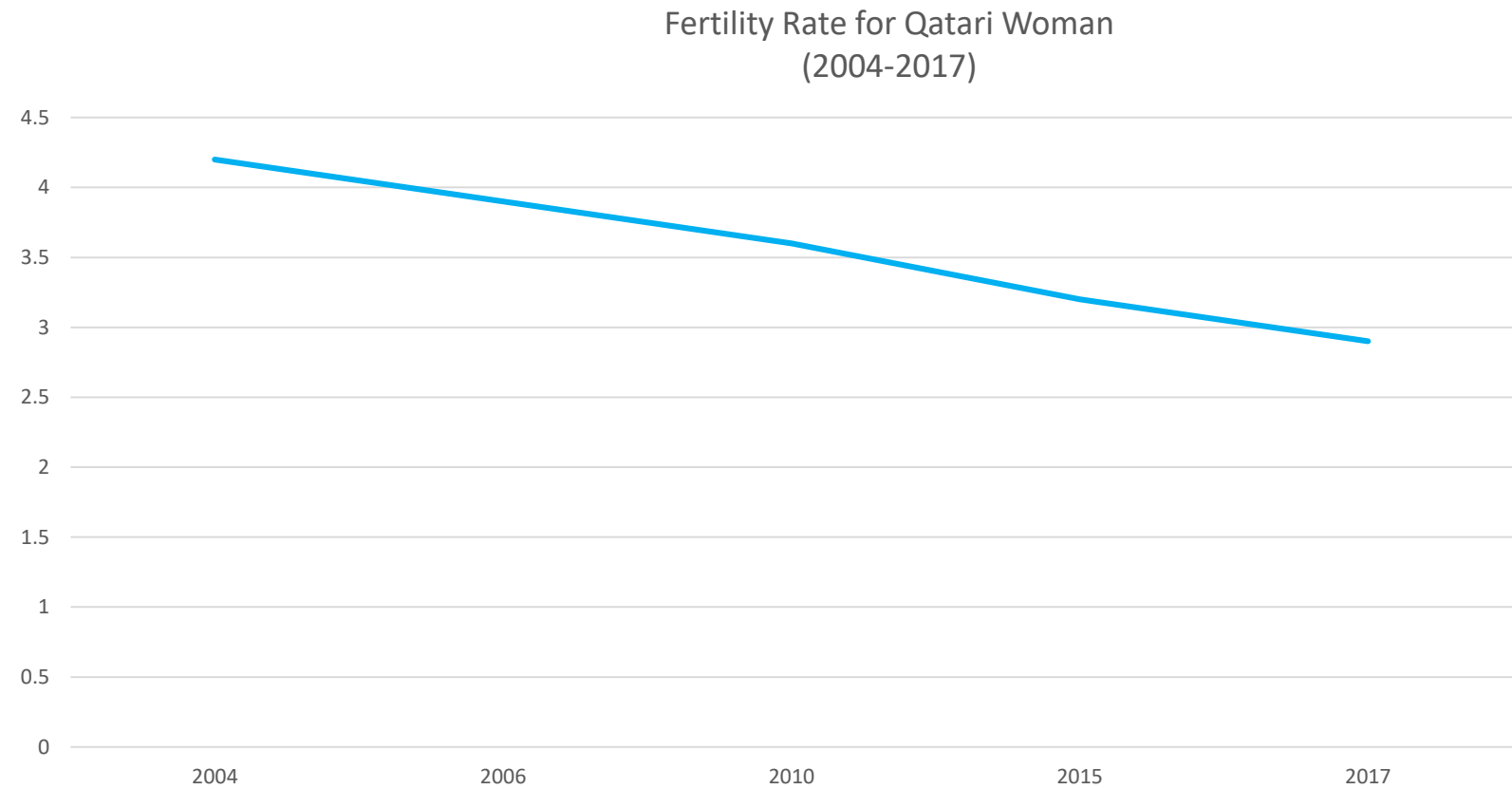
Country	Bahrain	Oman	Saudi Arabia	UAE
2000	2.62	3.01	4.5	2.4
2010	2.43	2.15	2.6	1.7
2020	2.13	1.71	2.2	1.5
2030	1.93	1.47	1.9	1.5



Source: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division: World Population Prospects

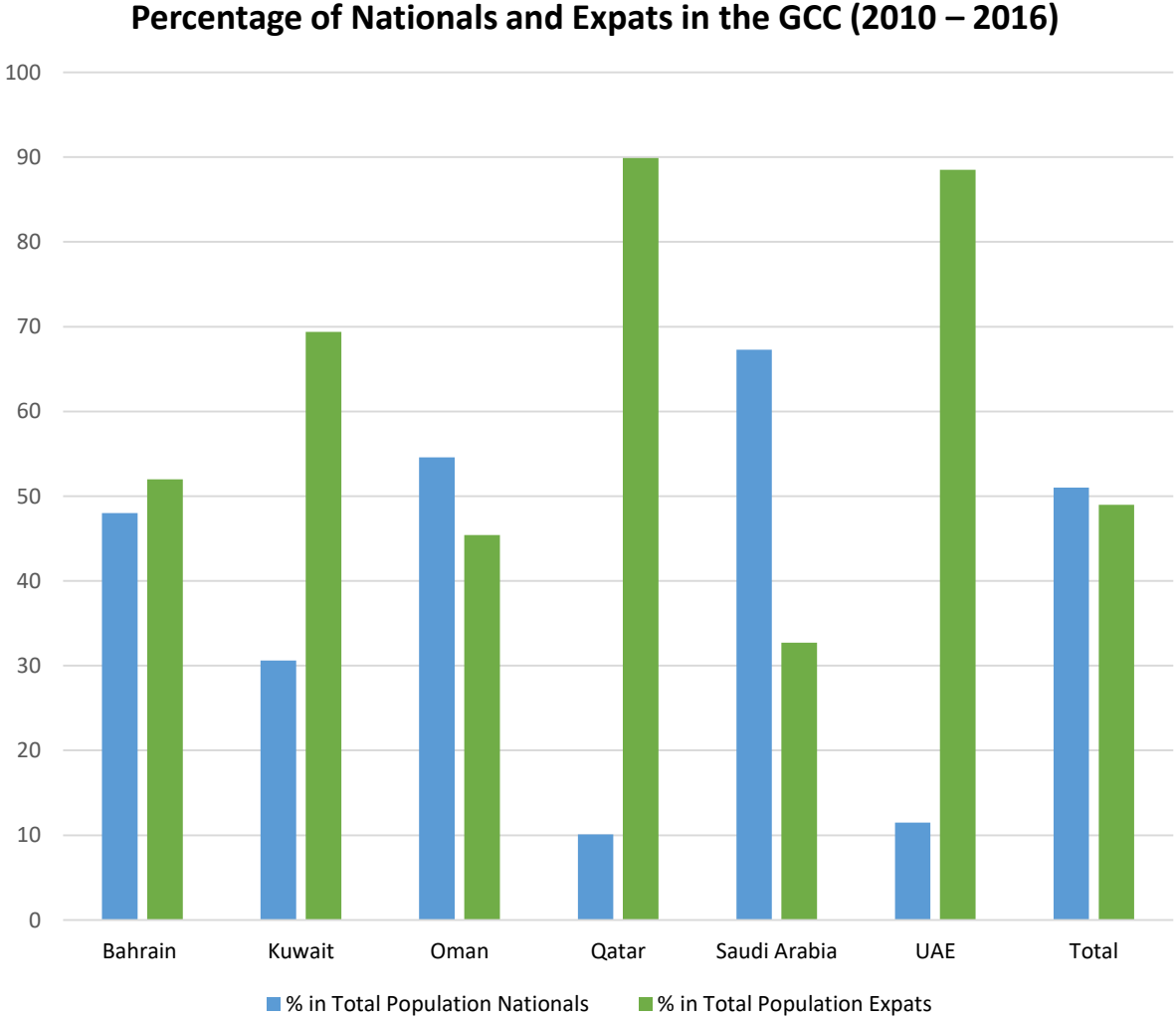
Fertility Rates among Qatari Women

Year	Fertility Rate
2004	4.2
2006	3.9
2010	3.6
2015	3.2
2017	2.9



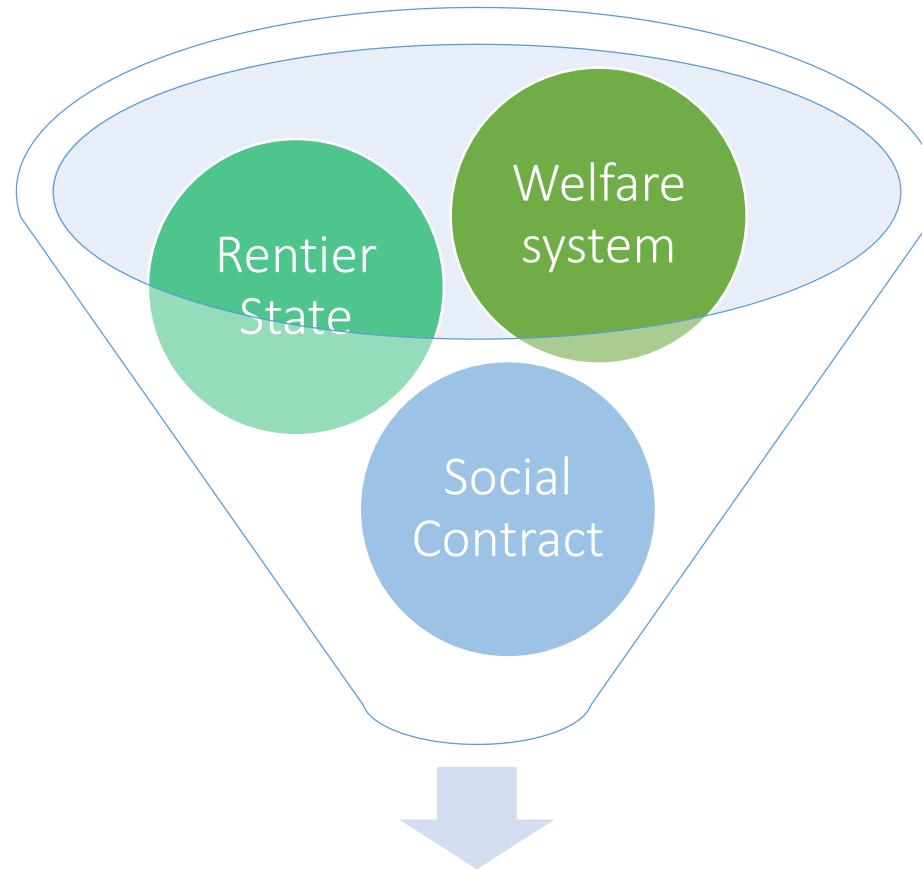
Source: Extracted Official Data from Qatar Planning and Statistics Authority

Total Population and Percentage of Nationals and Expats in the GCC (2010 – 2016)



Source: European University Institute - Migration Policy Center & Gulf Research Center (2016). Gulf Labor Markets and Migration (GLMM) Demographic and Economic Database.

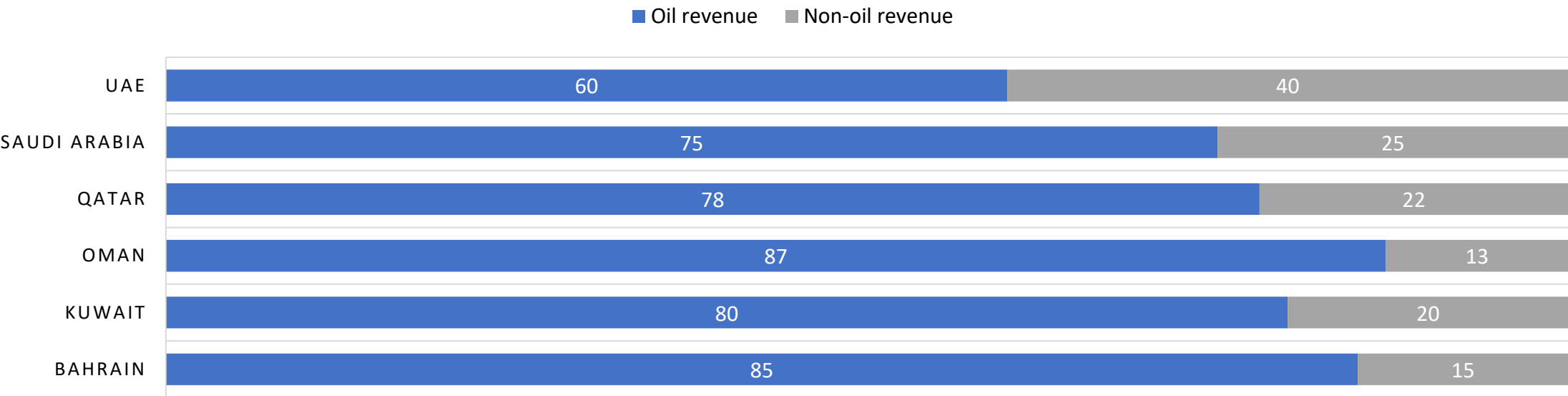
Demography nexus with Political-Social Order



Unsustainable equilibrium between economic accomplishments and distribution of wealth

Economic Model

Hydrocarbon Fiscal Revenue: Percent of Total Government Revenue



Source: IMF (2016). Economic Diversification in Oil-Exporting Arab Countries: Annual Meeting of Arab Ministers of Finance. International Monetary Fund.

Objective:
Diversification of
economic resources
Knowledge-based
Economy
Manama Declaration
(2000)

Status quo:
Economic Vulnerability
Evidence reported

- GCC lost 20% of its combined GDP (US\$340b) in 2015, owing to lower oil prices.
- Budget deficits, decreased economic growth and recession in the Real-estate, Hospitality and Construction (RHC) sector

Sustainability?

Conclusion

Comprehensive Approach:

- Fertility in a complex macro-level context
- Fertility at the micro-level

Thank you