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The Best 10 Economics Papers of 2012

According to the number of visits to this blog - some of them came out as working papers in 2012, or they were published in 2012.

1. **Economic Conditions and the Quality of Suicide Terrorism** (*The Journal of Politics* 2012) (working paper 2009). By Benmelech, Berrebi, & Klor.
2. **Do Economists Lie More?** (Working paper 2012). By López-Pérez & Spiegelman.
3. **Positive and Negative Mental Health Consequences of Early Childhood Television Watching** (working paper 2012). By Waldman, Nicholson, & Adilov.
4. **Institutions, Economics and the Development Quest.** (working paper 2012). By Leite, Silva, & Afonso.
5. **The Economic Costs of Organized Crime: Evidence from Southern Italy** (working paper 2012). By Pinotti.
6. **Why Aren't Developed Countries Saving?** (*European Economic Review*, 2012) (working paper 2008). By Dobrescu, Kotlikoff, & Motta.
7. **Culture and the Historical Process** (working paper 2012). By Nunn.
8. **Integrating Ethnography into Impact Evaluation** (*Journal of International Development* 2012). Not available online. By Bell & Aggleton.
9. **Child Ability and Household Human Capital Investment Decisions in Burkina Faso** (*Economic Development and Cultural Change* 2012) (working paper 2010). By Akresh et al.
10. **Institutional Quality Database** (working paper 2012). By Kuncic.

Note that the selection is bias toward economic development and institutional economics.

Of course there is amazing research in economics out there that I am missing. Please make suggestions in the comments. I would love to read other bloggers' lists.

There is a sociology paper that was very popular in this blog: **Searching for a Mate The Rise of the Internet as a Social Intermediary** (*American Sociological Review*, 2012). By Rosenfeld &

Thomas.

Addendum: last year's list is **here**.