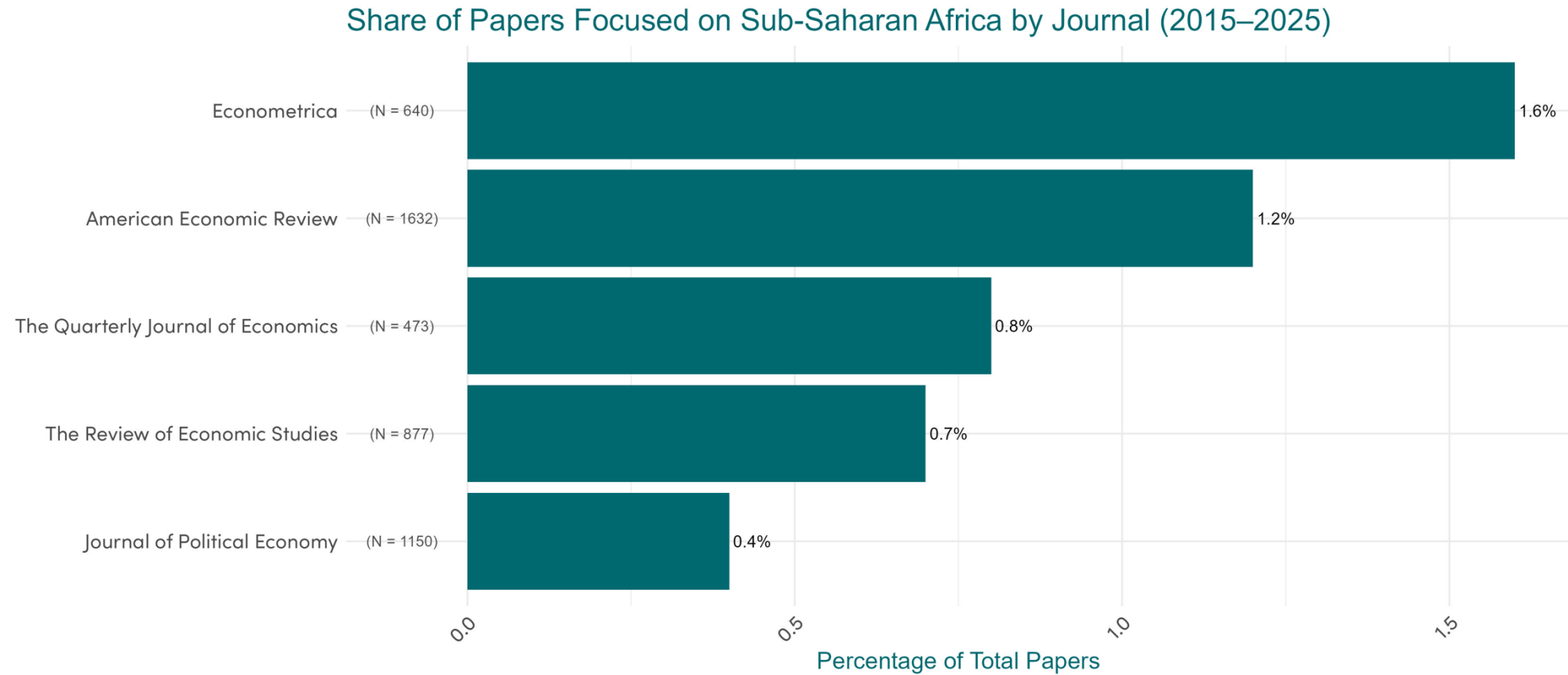


Some motivating data

1) Rate



Source: top 5 economic journals browsers* (2015–2025) and CGD's analysis
* with search terms: #Sub-Saharan Africa, #Nigeria, #Ethiopia, #DRC, #Tanzania, #South Africa (n=62)

There seems to be progress:

From 1985-2005, 34 articles in top 5 journals assigned to SSA countries (Das et. al. 2013)

In the last 10 years, 62 articles (note slightly different search allows SSA)

2) Representation

Institutional Affiliation of Authors by Country		
Country	Number of Authors	Share (%)
USA	94	54.0
UK	28	16.1
Canada	7	4.0
France	5	2.9
Switzerland	5	2.9
Germany	4	2.3
Italy	3	1.7
Other African Countries	9	5.2
Other Developed Countries	12	6.9
Other Developing Countries	3	1.7
Not mentioned	4	2.3
TOTAL	174	100.0

Source: top 5 economic journals browsers* (2015–2025) and CGD's analysis

* with search terms: #Sub-Saharan Africa, #Nigeria, #Ethiopia, #DRC, #Tanzania, #South Africa

Country of Origin of Authors		
Country of Origin	Number of Authors	Share (%)
USA	46	26.4
Italy	14	8.0
UK	12	6.9
Canada	7	4.0
France	7	4.0
South Africa	6	3.4
Ethiopia	5	2.9
Other African Countries	7	4.0
Other Developed Countries	32	18.4
Other Developing Countries	18	10.3
Not mentioned	20	11.5
TOTAL	174	100.0

Source: top 5 economic journals browsers* (2015–2025) and CGD's analysis

* with search terms: #Sub-Saharan Africa, #Nigeria, #Ethiopia, #DRC, #Tanzania, #South Africa

Relevance: Top policymaker priorities

1. Job creation and youth employment
2. Macroeconomic stability and debt management, revenue mobilization
3. Diversifying the economy, value addition, structural transformation
4. Energy access and infrastructure (roads, water, railways)
5. Governance, institutional stability, and security
6. Food security (trade in grain)
7. Human capital, education
8. Private sector development

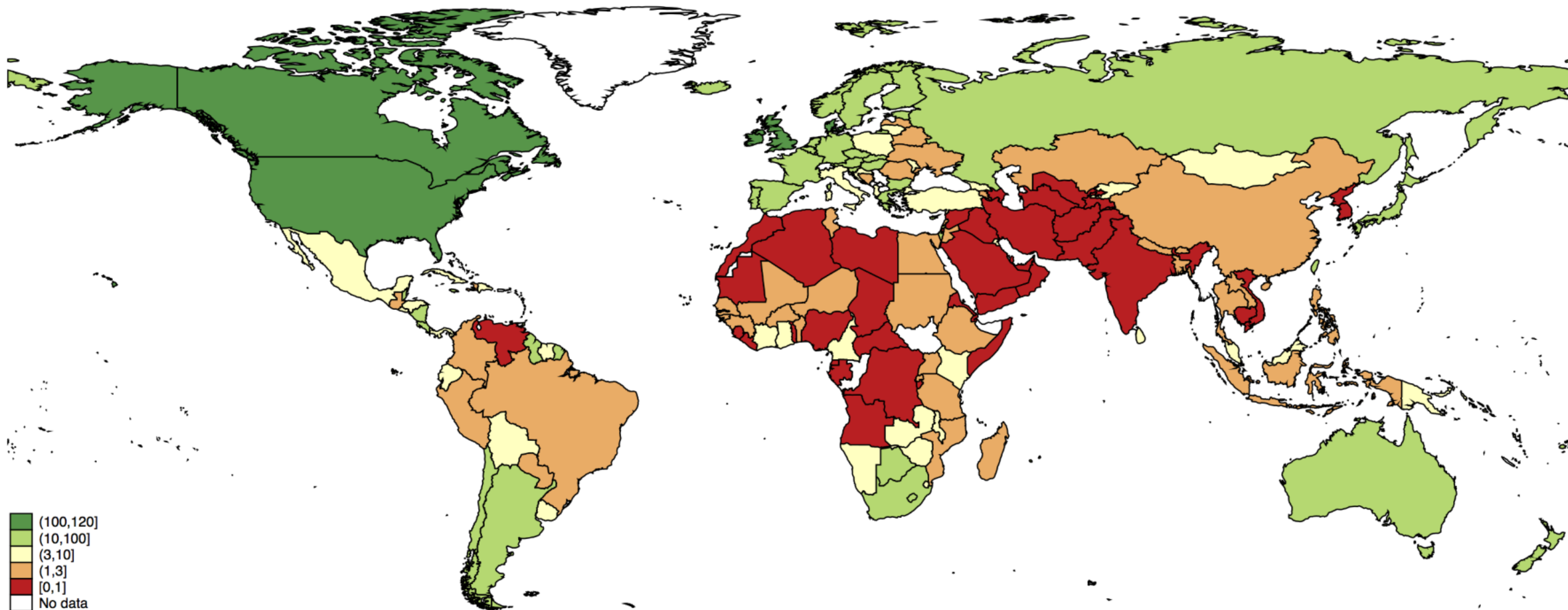
And what did the 62 articles have?

1. Job creation and youth employment (jobs=2)
2. Macroeconomic stability and debt management, revenue mobilization (n=2)
3. Diversifying the economy, value addition, structural transformation (n=0)
4. Energy access and infrastructure (roads, water, railways).
 - Energy = 2 Infrastructure = 2 Roads =1 Water=1
5. Governance, institutional stability, and security (n=2)
6. Food security (trade in grain) (n=2)
7. Human capital, education (health = (2), education =1)
8. Private sector development (4)

(total=21)

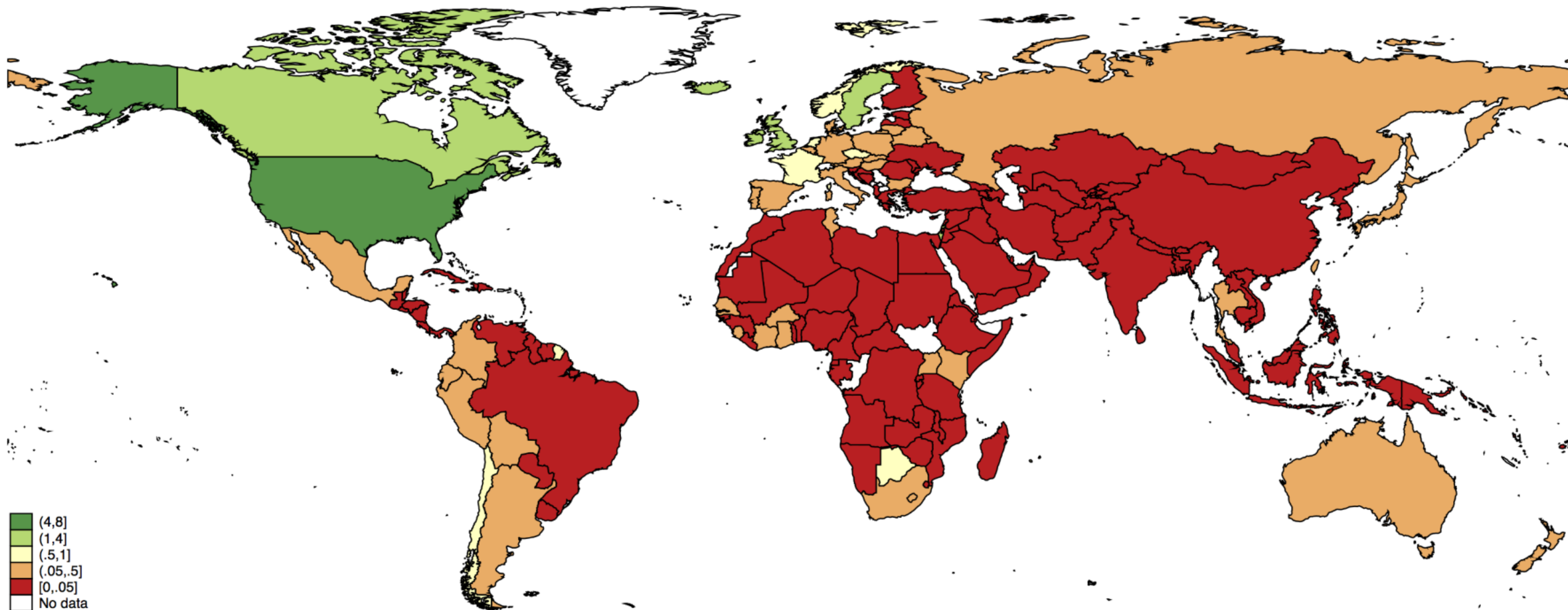
Per capita research
(1985-2005)

Total Publications per Million Citizens



Source: Das et. al. 2013

First-Tier Publications per Million Citizens



Source: Das et. al. 2013

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