

Papers for Development Economics – Nova SBE 2024/25

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- a. Papers that you should know well enough to respond questions about their key elements – full exams questions about the paper.
- b. Papers that you should know just well enough to cite them when elaborating responses based on multiple references – the list contains the papers in (a).

To facilitate finding papers in the long list, this is divided by broad topics. Notice that some papers might be relevant for two different topics but appear only in one of them.

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