

Acemoglu's top 20 papers by citation

	Title	Citations
1	Optics	15,869
2	The colonial origins of comparative development: An empirical investigation	15,768
3	Why nations fail: The origins of power, prosperity and poverty	12,808
4	Institutions as a fundamental cause of long-run growth	7,644
5	Economic origins of dictatorship and democracy	7,149
6	Reversal of fortune: Geography and institutions in the making of the modern world income distribution	6,517
7	Skills, tasks and technologies: Implications for employment and earnings	4,930
8	Introduction to economic growth	4,684
9	Technical change, inequality, and the labor market	4,366
10	Unbundling institutions	4,099
11	Why do new technologies complement skills? Directed technical change and wage inequality	2,923
12	Distance to frontier, selection, and economic growth	2,581
13	Directed technical change	2,558
14	The environment and directed technical change	2,381
15	The rise of Europe: Atlantic trade, institutional change, and economic growth	2,358
16	Institutional causes, macroeconomic symptoms: volatility, crises and growth	2,322
17	Why did the West extend the franchise? Democracy, inequality, and growth in historical perspective	2,293
18	A theory of political transitions	2,171
19	Robots and jobs: Evidence from US labor markets	2,095
20	Was Prometheus unbound by chance? Risk, diversification, and growth	2,041