

Peer Review

Review of: "Economics Research in the Twenty-First Century — 25 Years of Scientific Breakthroughs"

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This review article provides a broad and informative synthesis of economic research trends over the last twenty-five years, supported by a large dataset of publications from leading journals, which strengthens its descriptive scope and historical relevance. However, the main weakness lies in the methodological subjectivity, as the keyword classification was performed manually without clearly defined selection criteria, validation procedures, or inter-reviewer reliability, which may introduce classification bias and limit reproducibility. Additionally, restricting the dataset to seven high-impact journals may create selection bias and underrepresent emerging, regional, or interdisciplinary economic research. The study also focuses heavily on descriptive statistics without applying advanced bibliometric or quantitative analytical tools that could strengthen causal interpretations or trend validation. To improve the article, the author should introduce standardized keyword selection protocols, include reliability testing (e.g., independent coders or automated text-mining techniques), expand journal coverage to improve representativeness, and incorporate quantitative bibliometric methods such as network analysis, citation mapping, or trend modeling to enhance analytical rigor and scientific robustness.

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