The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on publication behaviour in economics & business studies

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In 2020, about 15% of the preprints in economics were related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 led to a marked increase in the number of working papers published in economic research in mid-2020. This effect has obviously been only temporary.

Female researchers who are also mothers of young children published less in the first Covid-19 year than childless women or than fathers of young children.

The reputation system in economics is robust and has not changed as a result of Covid-19.

Men published more in the first Covid-19 year compared to women.