

## Weekend links: W. Arthur Lewis remembered, Worm Wars redux, don't worry be happy, and more...

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London School of Economics has a [great podcast](#) involving Stuart Corbridge, Paul Collier and Dani Rodrik. The podcast is of a panel held to commemorate the life of W. Arthur Lewis, and in addition to Collier and Rodrik being fascinating on development economics, Stuart Corbridge (the host) offers a good summary of Lewis's life, including some sobering description of the racism Lewis faced in his early academic career.

While the 'Worm Wars' are clearly very [July](#) by now, it's not too late to catch up on them: Michael Clemens and Justin Sandefur have a [great summary](#) of what the debate was about.

Does aid undermine local-level political accountability? Notwithstanding concerns about external validity, a recent RCT ([gated](#), [ungated](#)) suggests not.

Last week [we linked](#) to *The Economist's* take on low-fee private schooling; [here's](#) an expert offering a competing view.

Poor cities are cheap places to live, right? Wrong. Or at least wrong if, [like Luanda](#), you're the capital city of a country in the grip of the resource curse.

File under intriguing (not to mention handy if you're looking for some peace and quiet): while the globe's population as a whole is increasing rapidly, [at least 11 countries are getting \(or are expected to get\) less populous](#).

And similarly, while it's easy to get caught up in all the negative news out there (though the folks at the [Solutions Journalism Network](#) are valiantly trying to do something about that), here are 26 indications that [things are getting better](#).