Trade openness, accountability, and, to a lesser degree, educational attainment are associated with institutional quality, even after controlling for other potential determinants of institutions.

**Figure 3.9. Openness, Education, Accountability, and Quality of Economic Institutions**

(Economic institutions on y-axis; x-axis as stated; 1970–2003)

Institutional quality is measured by Heritage Foundation’s Economic Freedom index. The y-axis depicts that portion of the index which is not explained by determinants of institutional quality other than, respectively, openness, educational attainment, and accountability. For more information, see Appendix 3.1.