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The Great Divergence 2021-04-13

a landmark comparative history of europe and china that examines why the industrial revolution emerged in the west the great divergence sheds light on one of the great questions of history why did sustained industrial growth begin in northwest europe historian kenneth pomeranz shows that as recently as 1750 life expectancy consumption and product and factor markets were comparable in europe and east asia moreover key regions in china and japan were no worse off ecologically than those in western europe with each region facing corresponding shortages of land intensive products pomeranz s comparative lens reveals the two critical factors resulting in europe s nineteenth century divergence the fortunate location of coal and access to trade with the new world as east asia s economy stagnated europe narrowly escaped the same fate largely due to favorable resource stocks from underground and overseas this princeton classics edition includes a preface from the author and makes a powerful historical work available to new readers

The Economies of Imperial China and Western Europe 2020-10-14

this book is a critical interpretation of a seminal and protracted debate in comparative global economic history since its emergence in now classic publications in economic history between 1997 2000 debate on the divergent economic development that has marked the long term economic growth of china and western europe has generated a vast collection of books and articles conferences networks and new journals as well as intense interest from the media and educated public o brien provides an historiographical survey and critique of western views on the long run economic development of the imperial economy of china a field of commentary that stretches back to the enlightenment the book s structure and core argument is concentrated upon an elaboration of and critical engagement with the major themes of recent academic debate on the great divergence and it will be of enormous interest to academics and students of economic history political

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economy the economics of growth and development state formation statistical measurements environmental history and the histories of science and globalization

Before and Beyond Divergence 2011-04-01

china has reemerged as a powerhouse in the global economy reviving a classic question in economic history why did sustained economic growth arise in europe rather than in china many favor cultural and environmental explanations of the nineteenth century economic divergence between europe and the rest of the world this book the product of over twenty years of research takes a sharply different tack it argues that political differences which crystallized well before 1800 were responsible both for china's early and more recent prosperity and for europe's difficulties after the fall of the roman empire and during early industrialization rosenthal and wong show that relative prices matter to how economies evolve institutions can have a large effect on relative prices and the spatial scale of polities can affect the choices of institutions in the long run their historical perspective on institutional change has surprising implications for understanding modern transformations in china and europe and for future expectations it also yields insights in comparative economic history essential to any larger social science account of modern world history

Religion, Technology, and the Great and Little Divergences **2012-11-09**

in religion technology and the great and little divergences karel davids analyses the influence of religious contexts on technological change in china and europe between c 700 and 1800

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State, Economy and the Great Divergence 2014

why modern states and economies developed in europe first and later in india and china

The European Miracle 2003-08-04

why europe grew rich and asia did not provides a striking new answer to the classic question of why europe industrialised from the late eighteenth century and asia did not drawing significantly from the case of india prasannan parthasarathi shows that in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the advanced regions of europe and asia were more alike than different both characterized by sophisticated and growing economies their subsequent divergence can be attributed to different competitive and ecological pressures that in turn produced varied state policies and economic outcomes this account breaks with conventional views which hold that divergence occurred because europe possessed superior markets rationality science or institutions it offers instead a groundbreaking rereading of global economic development that ranges from india japan and china to britain france and the ottoman empire and from the textile and coal industries to the roles of science technology and the state

Why Europe Grew Rich and Asia Did Not 2011-08-11

state economy and the great divergence provides a new analysis of what has become the central debate in global economic history the great divergence between european and asian growth focusing on early modern china and western europe in particular great britain this book offers a new level of detail on comparative state formation that has wide reaching implications for european eurasian and global history beginning with an

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overview of the historiography peer vries goes on to extend and develop the debate critically engaging with the huge volume of literature published on the topic to date incorporating recent insights he offers a compelling alternative to the claims to east west equivalence or asian superiority which have come to dominate discourse surrounding this issue this is a vital update to a key issue in global economic history and as such is essential reading for students and scholars interested in keeping up to speed with the on going debates

China, Europe and the Great Divergence 2017

the assumption still made in much social science research that europe provides a universal model of development is fundamentally mistaken according to r bin wong the solution is not however simply to reject eurocentric norms but to build complementary perspectives such as a sinocentric one to evaluate current understandings of european developments a genuinely comparative perspective he argues will free china from wrong expectations and will allow those working on european problems to recognize the distinct character of western development

State, Economy and the Great Divergence 2015-02-26

chinese gdp per capita fluctuated at a high level during the northern song and ming dynasties before trending downwards during the qing dynasty china led the world in living standards during the northern song dynasty but had fallen behind italy by 1300 at this stage it is possible that parts of china were still on a par with the richest parts of europe but by 1750 the gap was too large to be bridged by regional variation within china and the great divergence had already begun before the industrial revolution

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China Transformed 2018-10-18

together these countries pioneered new technologies that have made them ever richer

China, Europe and the Great Divergence 2017

in a series of brief vignettes the authors bring to life international trade and its actors and also demonstrate that economic activity cannot be divorced from social and cultural contexts in the process they make clear that the seemingly modern concept of economic globalisation has deep historical roots

Global Economic History: A Very Short Introduction 2011-09-15

studer shows that institutional geographical political and technological factors account for europe s rise to undisputed world economic leader

The World That Trade Created 2014-12-18

the history of nations is a history of haves and have nots and as we approach the millennium the gap between rich and poor countries is widening in this engrossing and important new work eminent historian david landes explores the complex fascinating and often startling causes of the wealth and poverty of nations the answers are found not only in the large forces at work in economies geography religion the broad swings of politics but also in the small surprising details in europe the invention of spectacles doubled the working life of skilled craftsmen and played a prominent role in the creation of articulated machines and in china the failure to adopt

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the clock fundamentally hindered economic development the relief of poverty is vital to the survival of us all as david landes brilliantly shows the key to future success lies in understanding the lessons the past has to teach us lessons uniquely imparted in this groundbreaking and vital book which exemplifies narrative history at its best

The Great Divergence Reconsidered 2015-01-29

until the catastrophic economic crisis of the late 1990s east asia was perceived as a monolithic success story but heady economic growth rates masked the most divided continent in the world one half the most extraordinary developmental success story ever seen the other half a paper tiger joe studwell explores how policies ridiculed by economists created titans in japan korea and taiwan and are now behind the rise of china while the best advice the west could offer sold its allies in south east asia down the economic river the first book to offer an asia wide deconstruction of success and failure in economic development studwell s latest work is provocative and iconoclastic and sobering reading for most of the world s developing countries how asia works is a must read book that packs powerful insights about the world s most misunderstood continent

Wealth And Poverty Of Nations 2015-04-20

a bold new history showing that the fear of communism was a major factor in the outbreak of world war ii the spectre of war looks at a subject we thought we knew the roots of the second world war and upends our assumptions with a masterful new interpretation looking beyond traditional explanations based on diplomatic failures or military might jonathan haslam explores the neglected thread connecting them all the fear of communism prevalent across continents during the interwar period marshalling an array of archival sources including records from the communist international haslam transforms our understanding of the deep-seated

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origins of world war ii its conflicts and its legacy haslam offers a panoramic view of europe and northeast asia during the 1920s and 1930s connecting fascism s emergence with the impact of the 1917 bolshevik revolution world war i had economically destabilized many nations and the threat of communist revolt loomed large in the ensuing social unrest as moscow supported communist efforts in france spain china and beyond opponents such as the british feared for the stability of their global empire and viewed fascism as the only force standing between them and the communist overthrow of the existing order the appeasement and political misreading of nazi germany and fascist italy that followed held back the spectre of rebellion only to usher in the later advent of war illuminating ideological differences in the decades before world war ii and the continuous role of pre and postwar communism the spectre of war provides unprecedented context for one of the most momentous calamities of the twentieth century

How Asia Works 2013-03-28

two major themes in contemporary international relations sino european relations and global governance are both addressed in this volume in its focused analysis of sino european relations global governance serves as both a topic for analysis and a conceptual framework to join together individual chapters featuring perspectives from a diverse group of established and promising young scholars from china europe and elsewhere this book has important implications for chinese foreign policy the european union the future of global governance and international relations at large

The Spectre of War 2022-09-27

this book examines the economic political and security interests of india europe and the european union towards asia it analyses their participation in major asian multilateral organizations responses to the covid-19 pandemic and the future of asia in the world

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and brussels differential engagement of china and india it evaluates indian and european eu policy towards west asia the iran imbroglio the indo pacific and south asia afghanistan myanmar and kashmir it highlights the elements of convergence divergence and assesses the challenges and prospects of india european cooperation in the context of a more assertive china and growing european engagement with asia

China, the European Union, and the International Politics of Global Governance 2016-04-29

why most modern revolutions have ended in bloodshed and failure and what lessons they hold for today s world of growing extremism why have so many of the iconic revolutions of modern times ended in bloody tragedies and what lessons can be drawn from these failures today in a world where political extremism is on the rise and rational reform based on moderation and compromise often seems impossible to achieve in you say you want a revolution daniel chirot examines a wide range of right and left wing revolutions around the world from the late eighteenth century to today to provide important new answers to these critical questions a powerful account of the unintended consequences of revolutionary change you say you want a revolution is filled with critically important lessons for today s liberal democracies struggling with new forms of extremism back cover

India, Europe and Asia 2021-04-01

this book examines the political connections and trade relations between italy and china with particular emphasis on the second half of the 19th century and the period following the second world war in recent years economic relations between the two countries have intensified as a result of increasing exchange and trade

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agreements with positive impacts on their political and diplomatic relations by studying original public sources such as the archives of the italian ministry of foreign affairs the bank of italy and the central state archives in rome the author offers a historical perspective on the evolution of the two countries economic and political ties the respective chapters address e g the role of international governmental authorities the role of the italian bank of china the impact of trade agreements and foreign investment projects etc given its scope the book will appeal to scholars of economic history and international economics as well as political scientists and legal scholars with an interest in international diplomacy and trade agreements

You Say You Want a Revolution? 2022-02-08

develops a fresh non eurocentric analysis of the rise and development of the global economy in the last half millennium

Italy-China Trade Relations 2020-02-01

how an antisemitic legend gave voice to widespread fears surrounding the expansion of private credit in western capitalism the promise and peril of credit takes an incisive look at pivotal episodes in the west s centuries long struggle to define the place of private finance in the social and political order it does so through the lens of a persistent legend about jews and money that reflected the anxieties surrounding the rise of impersonal credit markets by the close of the middle ages new and sophisticated credit instruments made it easier for european merchants to move funds across the globe bills of exchange were by far the most arcane of these financial innovations intangible and written in a cryptic language they fueled world trade but also lured naive investors into risky businesses francesca trivellato recounts how the invention of these abstruse credit contracts was falsely attributed to jews and how this story gave voice to deep seated fears about the unseen

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perils of the new paper economy she locates the legend's earliest version in a seventeenth century handbook on maritime law and traces its legacy all the way to the work of the founders of modern social theory from marx to weber and sombart deftly weaving together economic legal social cultural and intellectual history trivellato vividly describes how christian writers drew on the story to define and redefine what constituted the proper boundaries of credit in a modern world increasingly dominated by finance

Multicultural Origins of the Global Economy' 2020-12-10

a companion to chinese history presents a collection of essays offering a comprehensive overview of the latest intellectual developments in the study of china's history from the ancient past up until the present day covers the major trends in the study of chinese history from antiquity to the present day considers the latest scholarship of historians working in china and around the world explores a variety of long range questions and themes which serves to bridge the conventional divide between china's traditional and modern eras addresses china's connections with other nations and regions and enables non specialists to make comparisons with their own fields features discussion of traditional topics and chronological approaches as well as newer themes such as chinese history in relation to sexuality national identity and the environment

The Promise and Peril of Credit 2021-06-08

this new monograph provides a stimulating new take on hotly contested topics in world modernization and the globalizing economy it begins by situating what is called the great divergence the social technological revolution that led european nations to outpace the early dominance of asia in historical context over centuries this is contrasted with an equally powerful great convergence the recent economic and technological expansion taking place in third world nations and characterized by narrowing inequality among nations

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seen here as two phases of an inevitable global process centuries in the making with the potential for both positive and negative results this sophisticated presentation examines why the developing world is growing more rapidly than the developed world how this development began occurring under the western world's radar how former colonies of major powers grew to drive the world's economy why so many western economists have been slow to recognize the great convergence the increasing risk of geopolitical instability why the world is likely to find itself without an absolute leader after the end of the american hegemony a work of rare scope great divergence and great convergence gives sociologists global economists demographers and global historians a deeper understanding of the broader movement of social and economic history combined with a long view of history as it is currently being made it also offers some thrilling forecasts for global development in the forthcoming decades

A Companion to Chinese History 2017-02-06

this open access book considers a pivotal era in chinese history from a global perspective this book's insight into chinese and international history offers timely and challenging perspectives on initiatives like chinese characteristics the new silk road and one belt one road in broad historical context global history with chinese characteristics analyses the feeble state capacity of qing china questioning the so called high qing shèng qīng 盛清 era's economic prosperity as the political system was set into a power paradox or supremacy dilemma this is a new thesis introduced by the author demonstrating that interventionist states entail weak governance macao and marseille as a new case study aims to compare mediterranean and south china markets to provide new insights into both modern eras rising trade networks non official institutions and interventionist impulses of autocratic states such as china's qing and spain's bourbon empires

Great Divergence and Great Convergence 2015-05-09

a major history of the british empire s early involvement in the middle east napoleon s invasion of egypt in 1798 showed how vulnerable india was to attack by france and russia it forced the british empire to try to secure the two routes that a european might use to reach the subcontinent through egypt and the red sea and through baghdad and the persian gulf promised lands is a panoramic history of this vibrant and explosive age charting the development of britain s political interest in the middle east from the napoleonic wars to the crimean war in the 1850s jonathan parry examines the various strategies employed by british and indian officials describing how they sought influence with local arabs mamluks kurds christians and jews he tells a story of commercial and naval power boosted by the arrival of steamships in the 1830s and discusses how classical and biblical history fed into british visions of what these lands might become the region was subject to the ottoman empire yet the sultan s grip on it appeared weak should ottoman claims to sovereignty be recognised and exploited or ignored and opposed could the sultan s government be made to support british objectives or would it always favour france or russia promised lands shows how what started as a geopolitical contest became a drama about diplomatic competition religion race and the unforeseen consequences of history

Global History with Chinese Characteristics 2020-11-02

this book is the first attempt to highlight the great divergence between europe and china from the perspective of environmental change the author discusses the agrarian economy while considering the effects of climate change in both europe and china at a long term scale the findings in the book supplement current knowledge and discussion on the great divergence across eurasia the book further aims to empirically review the climatic impacts on the human community in the past as the relevant historical reference by which to understand

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human nature linkages in the current anthropocene epoch the statistical analysis in the book will contribute to the development of relevant subjects such as environmental humanities quantitative history and historical geography the book thus is suitable to all levels of students undergraduate and postgraduate in the university in summary by combining multiple disciplines in both methods and knowledge this book becomes an interesting reference to students academic staff and even the general public it may also appeal to policymakers who aim to address the impacts of climate change according to past societal experiences

Promised Lands 2022-02-22

a first look at gunpowder s revolutionary impact on china s role in global history the chinese invented gunpowder and began exploring its military uses as early as the 900s four centuries before the technology passed to the west but by the early 1800s china had fallen so far behind the west in gunpowder warfare that it was easily defeated by britain in the opium war of 1839 42 what happened in the gunpowder age tonio andrade offers a compelling new answer opening a fresh perspective on a key question of world history why did the countries of western europe surge to global importance starting in the 1500s while china slipped behind historians have long argued that gunpowder weapons helped europeans establish global hegemony yet the inhabitants of what is today china not only invented guns and bombs but also as andrade shows continued to innovate in gunpowder technology through the early 1700s much longer than previously thought why then did china become so vulnerable andrade argues that one significant reason is that it was out of practice fighting wars having enjoyed nearly a century of relative peace since 1760 indeed he demonstrates that china like europe was a powerful military innovator particularly during times of great warfare such as the violent century starting after the opium war when the chinese once again quickly modernized their forces today china is simply returning to its old position as one of the world s great military powers by showing that china s military dynamism was deeper longer lasting and more quickly recovered than previously understood

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gunpowder age challenges long standing explanations of the so called great divergence between the west and asia

Climate Change Economics between Europe and China 2021-11-02

how the rise of globalization over the past two centuries helps explain the income gap between rich and poor countries today today's wide economic gap between the postindustrial countries of the west and the poorer countries of the third world is not new fifty years ago the world economic order two hundred years in the making was already characterized by a vast difference in per capita income between rich and poor countries and by the fact that poor countries exported commodities agricultural or mineral products while rich countries exported manufactured products in trade and poverty leading economic historian jeffrey g williamson traces the great divergence between the third world and the west to this nexus of trade commodity specialization and poverty analyzing the role of specialization de industrialization and commodity price volatility with econometrics and case studies of india ottoman turkey and mexico williamson demonstrates why the close correlation between trade and poverty emerged globalization and the great divergence were causally related and thus the rise of globalization over the past two centuries helps account for the income gap between rich and poor countries today

The Gunpowder Age 2017-08-29

the rise of the west winner of the national book award for history in 1964 is famous for its ambitious scope and intellectual rigor in it mcneill challenges the spengler toynbee view that a number of separate civilizations pursued essentially independent careers and argues instead that human cultures interacted at every stage of their history the author suggests that from the neolithic beginnings of grain agriculture to the present major

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social changes in all parts of the world were triggered by new or newly important foreign stimuli and he presents a persuasive narrative of world history to support this claim in a retrospective essay titled the rise of the west after twenty five years mcneill shows how his book was shaped by the time and place in which it was written 1954 63 he discusses how historiography subsequently developed and suggests how his portrait of the world's past in the rise of the west should be revised to reflect these changes this is not only the most learned and the most intelligent it is also the most stimulating and fascinating book that has ever set out to recount and explain the whole history of mankind to read it is a great experience it leaves echoes to reverberate and seeds to germinate in the mind h r trevor roper new york times book review

Trade and Poverty 2013-01-11

how did the modern world get to be the way it is how did we come to live in a globalized industrialized capitalistic set of nation states moving beyond eurocentric explanations and histories that revolve around the rise of the west distinguished historian robert b marks explores the roles of asia africa and the new world in the global story he defines the modern world as marked by industry the nation state interstate warfare a large and growing gap between the wealthiest and poorest parts of the world and an escape from environmental constraints bringing the saga to the present marks considers how and why the united states emerged as a world power in the 20th century and the sole superpower by the 21st century the powerful resurgence of asia and the vastly changed relationship of humans to the environment

The Rise of the West 2009-07-30

the life and politics of an american jewish activist who preached radical and violent means to jewish survival meir kahane came of age amid the radical politics of the counterculture becoming a militant voice of protest
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against jewish liberalism kahane founded the jewish defense league in 1968 declaring that jews must protect themselves by any means necessary he immigrated to israel in 1971 where he founded kach an ultranationalist and racist political party he would die by assassination in 1990 shaul magid provides an in depth look at this controversial figure showing how the postwar american experience shaped his life and political thought magid sheds new light on kahane s radical political views his critique of liberalism and his use of the grammar of race as a tool to promote jewish pride he discusses kahane s theory of violence as a mechanism to assure jewish safety and traces how his zionism evolved from a fervent support of israel to a belief that the zionist project had failed magid examines how tradition and classical jewish texts profoundly influenced kahane s thought later in life and argues that kahane s enduring legacy lies not in his israeli career but in the challenge he posed to the liberalism and assimilatory project of the postwar american jewish establishment this incisive book shows how kahane was a quintessentially american figure one who adopted the radicalism of the militant left as a tenet of jewish survival

The Origins of the Modern World 2007

europa china and the limits of normative power is a groundbreaking book offering insights into european influence regarding china s development during a period when europe confronts its most serious political social and economic crises of the post war period considering europe s identity and its future international relevance this book examines the extent to which europe s multi layered governance structure the normative divergence overshadowing eu china relations and europe s crises continue to shape and often limit europe s capacity to inspire china s development

Meir Kahane 2023-08-08

this text offers an accessible guide to the ways in which our growing knowledge of development in early modern and modernising japan can throw light on the paths that industrialisation was eventually to take across the globe it has long been taken as read that the industrial revolution was the product of some form of european superiority dating back to at least early modern times in the great divergence kenneth pomeranz challenged this assumption on the basis of his evidence that parts of eighteenth century china were as well placed as northern europe to achieve sustained economic growth thus igniting what has been called the single most important debate in recent global history japan as the only non western country to experience significant industrialisation before the second world war ought to provide crucial and intriguing evidence in the debate but analysis of the japanese case in such a context has remained limited this work suggests ways of re interpreting japanese economic history in the light of the debate so arguing that global historians and scholars of japan have in fact much to say to each other within the comparative framework that the great divergence provides

Europe, China, and the Limits of Normative Power 2019

one of the biggest debates in economic history deals with the great divergence how can we explain that at a certain moment in time the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries a certain part of the world the west escaped from general poverty and became much richer than it had ever been before and than the rest of the world many prominent scholars discussed this question and came up with many different answers this book provides a systematic analysis of the most important of those answers by means of an analysis of possible explanations in terms of natural resources labour capital the division of labour and market exchange accumulation and innovation and as potential underlying determining factors institutions and culture the author juxtaposes the

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views of economists social scientists and of global historians and systematically compares great britain and china to illustrate his position he qualifies the importance of natural resources accumulation and the extension of markets points at the importance of factor prices and changes in consumption and emphasizes the role of innovation institutions in particular an active developmental state and culture

Japan and the Great Divergence 2016-10-27

this book explores key elements of european union eu engagement with the belt road initiative bri drawing on the expertise of leading practitioners and scholars of eu china relations under the theme of discerning the bri and its nexus with the eu chapters examine the nature of the bri as china s approach to global governance and consider how bri intersects with the eu as a very different regional integration project under the theme of bri factors in eu law and policy chapters examine the bri as a factor in specific domains of eu law and policy including investment finance the environment and the covid 19 pandemic and consider eu responses under the theme of eu member state experiences chapters present a series of case studies of individual member states their engagement with the bri and ongoing policy debates this book will be of interest to scholars and students of international relations eu external relations chinese public policy and foreign relations european studies and security studies as well as policymakers dealing with china in eu and member state institutions

Escaping Poverty 2013

the gripping story of how the end of the roman empire was the beginning of the modern world the fall of the roman empire has long been considered one of the greatest disasters in history but in this groundbreaking book walter scheidel argues that rome s dramatic collapse was actually the best thing that ever happened clearing the path for europe s economic rise and the creation of the modern age ranging across the entire

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premodern world escape from rome offers new answers to some of the biggest questions in history why did the roman empire appear why did nothing like it ever return to europe and above all why did europeans come to dominate the world in an absorbing narrative that begins with ancient rome but stretches far beyond it from byzantium to china and from genghis khan to napoleon scheidel shows how the demise of rome and the enduring failure of empire building on european soil launched an economic transformation that changed the continent and ultimately the world

The European Union and China's Belt and Road 2021-08-10

greatly revised and expanded with a new afterword this update to martin jacques s global bestseller is an essential guide to understanding a world increasingly shaped by chinese power soon china will rule the world but in doing so it will not become more western since the first publication of when china rules the world the landscape of world power has shifted dramatically in the three years since the first edition was published when china rules the world has proved to be a remarkably prescient book transforming the nature of the debate on china now in this greatly expanded and fully updated edition boasting nearly 300 pages of new material and backed up by the latest statistical data martin jacques renews his assault on conventional thinking about china s ascendancy showing how its impact will be as much political and cultural as economic changing the world as we know it first published in 2009 to widespread critical acclaim and controversy when china rules the world the end of the western world and the birth of a new global order has sold a quarter of a million copies been translated into eleven languages nominated for two major literary awards and is the subject of an immensely popular ted talk

Escape from Rome 2021-03-16

how religious barriers stalled capitalism in the middle east in the year 1000 the economy of the middle east was at least as advanced as that of europe but by 1800 the region had fallen dramatically behind in living standards technology and economic institutions in short the middle east had failed to modernize economically as the west surged ahead what caused this long divergence and why does the middle east remain drastically underdeveloped compared to the west in the long divergence one of the world's leading experts on islamic economic institutions and the economy of the middle east provides a new answer to these long debated questions timur kuran argues that what slowed the economic development of the middle east was not colonialism or geography still less muslim attitudes or some incompatibility between islam and capitalism rather starting around the tenth century islamic legal institutions which had benefitted the middle eastern economy in the early centuries of islam began to act as a drag on development by slowing or blocking the emergence of central features of modern economic life including private capital accumulation corporations large scale production and impersonal exchange by the nineteenth century modern economic institutions began to be transplanted to the middle east but its economy has not caught up and there is no quick fix today low trust rampant corruption and weak civil societies all characteristic of the region's economies today and all legacies of its economic history will take generations to overcome the long divergence opens up a frank and honest debate on a crucial issue that even some of the most ardent secularists in the muslim world have hesitated to discuss

When China Rules the World 2009-11-12

The Long Divergence 2012-11-11

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