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The Princeton Economic History of the Western World 1996 what caused the industrial revolution gregory clark has a brilliant and fascinating explanation for this event which permanently changed the life of humankind after 100 000 years of stagnation george akerlof nobel laureate in economics and kosland professor of economics university of california berkeley this is a very important book gregory clark argues that the industrial revolution was the gradual but inevitable result of a kind of natural selection during the harsh struggle for existence in the pre industrial era in which economically successful families were also more reproductively successful they transmitted to their descendants culturally and perhaps genetically such productive attitudes as foresight thrift and devotion to hard work this audacious thesis which dismisses rival explanations in terms of prior ideological technological or institutional revolutions will be debated by historians for many years to come paul seabright author of the company of strangers a natural history of economic life challenging the prevailing wisdom that institutions explain why some societies become rich gregory clark s a farewell to alms will appeal to a broad audience i can think of nothing else like it philip t hoffman author of growth in a traditional society you may not always agree with gregory clark but he will capture your attention make you think and make you reconsider he is a provocative and imaginative scholar and a true original as an economic historian he engages with economists in general as an economist he is parsimonious with high tech algebra and unnecessarily complex models occam would approve cormac grda author of jewish ireland in the age of joyce this should rapidly become a standard work on the history of economic development it should start whole industries trying to test refine and refute its explanations and gregory clark s views on the economic merits of imperialism and the fact that labor gained the most from industrialization will infuriate all the right people eric l jones author of cultures merging and the european miracle while many books on the industrial revolution tend to focus narrowly either on the event itself or on one explanation for it gregory clark does neither he takes an extremely long run view covering significant periods before and after the industrial revolution without getting bogged down in long or detailed exposition this is an extremely important contribution to the subject clifford bekar lewis and clark college

A Farewell to Alms 2007 why are some parts of the world so rich and others so poor why did the industrial revolution and the unprecedented economic growth that came with it occur in eighteenth century england and not at some other time or in some other place why didn t industrialization make the whole world rich and why did it make large parts of the world even poorer in a farewell to alms gregory clark tackles these profound questions and suggests a new and provocative way in which culture not exploitation geography or resources explains the wealth and the poverty of nations countering the prevailing theory that the industrial revolution was sparked by the sudden development of stable political legal and economic institutions in seventeenth century europe clark shows that such institutions existed long before industrialization he argues instead that these institutions gradually led to deep cultural changes by encouraging people to abandon hunter gatherer instincts violence impatience and economy of effort and adopt economic habits hard work rationality and education the problem clark says is that only societies that have long histories of settlement and security seem to develop the cultural characteristics and effective workforces that enable economic growth for the many societies that have not enjoyed long periods of stability industrialization has not been a blessing clark also dissects the notion championed by jared diamond in guns germs and steel that natural endowments such as geography account for differences in the wealth of nations a brilliant and sobering challenge to the idea that poor societies can be economically developed through outside intervention a farewell to alms may change the way global economic history is understood

A Farewell to Alms 2008-12-29 in the last two centuries agriculture has been an outstanding if somewhat neglected success story agriculture has fed an ever growing

population with an increasing variety of products at falling prices even as it has released a growing number of workers to the rest of the economy this book a comprehensive history of world agriculture during this period explains how these feats were accomplished feeding the world synthesizes two hundred years of agricultural development throughout the world providing all essential data and extensive references to the literature it covers systematically all the factors that have affected agricultural performance environment accumulation of inputs technical progress institutional change commercialization agricultural policies and more the last chapter discusses the contribution of agriculture to modern economic growth the book is global in its reach and analysis and represents a grand synthesis of an enormous topic

Feeding the World 2010-12-16 international trade has shaped the modern world yet until now no single book has been available for both economists and general readers that traces the history of the international economy from its earliest beginnings to the present day power and plenty fills this gap providing the first full account of world trade and development over the course of the last millennium ronald findlay and kevin o rourke examine the successive waves of globalization and deglobalization that have occurred during the past thousand years looking closely at the technological and political causes behind these long term trends they show how the expansion and contraction of the world economy has been directly tied to the two way interplay of trade and geopolitics and how war and peace have been critical determinants of international trade over the very long run the story they tell is sweeping in scope one that links the emergence of the western economies with economic and political developments throughout eurasia centuries ago drawing extensively upon empirical evidence and informing their systematic analysis with insights from contemporary economic theory findlay and o rourke demonstrate the close interrelationships of trade and warfare the mutual interdependence of the world s different regions and the crucial role these factors have played in explaining modern economic growth power and plenty is a must read for anyone seeking to understand the origins of today s international economy the forces that continue to shape it and the economic and political challenges confronting policymakers in the twenty first century

Power and Plenty 2009-08-10 without economic history economics runs the risk of being too abstract or parochial of failing to notice precedents trends and cycles of overlooking the long run and thus misunderstanding how we got here recent financial and economic crises illustrate spectacularly how the economics profession has not learnt from its past this important and unique book addresses this problem by demonstrating the power of historical thinking in economic research concise chapters guide economics lecturers and their students through the field of economic history demonstrating the use of historical thinking in economic research and advising them on how they can actively engage with economic history in their teaching and learning blum and colvin bring together important voices in the field to show readers how they can use their existing economics training to explore different facets of economic history each chapter introduces a question or topic historical context or research method and explores how they can be used in economics scholarship and pedagogy in a century characterised to date by economic uncertainty bubbles and crashes an economist s guide to economic history is essential reading for further information visit blumandcolvin.org

An Economist's Guide to Economic History 2018-12-08 this book brings together a group of leading economic historians to examine how institutions innovation and industrialization have determined the development of nations presented in honor of joel mokyr arguably the preeminent economic historian of his generation these wide ranging essays address a host of core economic questions what are the origins of markets how do governments shape our economic fortunes what role has entrepreneurship played in the rise and success of capitalism tackling these and other issues the book looks at coercion and exchange in the markets of twelfth

century china sovereign debt in the age of philip ii of spain the regulation of child labor in nineteenth century europe meat provisioning in pre civil war new york aircraft manufacturing before world war i and more the book also features an essay that surveys mokyrs s important contributions to the field of economic history and an essay by mokyrs himself on the origins of the industrial revolution in addition to the editors the contributors are gergely baics hoyt bleakley fabio braggion joyce burnette louis cain mauricio drelichman narly dwarkasing joseph ferrie noel johnson eric jones mark koyama ralf meisenzahl peter meyer joel mokyrs lyndon moore cormac ó gráda rick szostak carolyn tuttle karine van der beek hans joachim voth and simone wegge

The Great Divergence 2000 in this landmark work a nobel prize winning economist develops a new way of understanding the process by which economies change douglass north inspired a revolution in economic history a generation ago by demonstrating that economic performance is determined largely by the kind and quality of institutions that support markets as he showed in two now classic books that inspired the new institutional economics today a subfield of economics property rights and transaction costs are fundamental determinants here north explains how different societies arrive at the institutional infrastructure that greatly determines their economic trajectories north argues that economic change depends largely on adaptive efficiency a society s effectiveness in creating institutions that are productive stable fair and broadly accepted and importantly flexible enough to be changed or replaced in response to political and economic feedback while adhering to his earlier definition of institutions as the formal and informal rules that constrain human economic behavior he extends his analysis to explore the deeper determinants of how these rules evolve and how economies change drawing on recent work by psychologists he identifies intentionality as the crucial variable and proceeds to demonstrate how intentionality emerges as the product of social learning and how it then shapes the economy s institutional foundations and thus its capacity to adapt to changing circumstances understanding the process of economic change accounts not only for past institutional change but also for the diverse performance of present day economies this major work is therefore also an essential guide to improving the performance of developing countries

Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization 2020-05-26 in 1945 many europeans still heated with coal cooled their food with ice and lacked indoor plumbing today things could hardly be more different over the second half of the twentieth century the average european s buying power tripled while working hours fell by a third the european economy since 1945 is a broad accessible forthright account of the extraordinary development of europe s economy since the end of world war ii barry eichengreen argues that the continent s history has been critical to its economic performance and that it will continue to be so going forward challenging standard views that basic economic forces were behind postwar europe s success eichengreen shows how western europe in particular inherited a set of institutions singularly well suited to the economic circumstances that reigned for almost three decades economic growth was facilitated by solidarity centered trade unions cohesive employers associations and growth minded governments all legacies of europe s earlier history for example these institutions worked together to mobilize savings finance investment and stabilize wages however this inheritance of economic and social institutions that was the solution until around 1973 when europe had to switch from growth based on brute force investment and the acquisition of known technologies to growth based on increased efficiency and innovation then became the problem thus the key questions for the future are whether europe and its constituent nations can now adapt their institutions to the needs of a globalized knowledge economy and whether in doing so the continent s distinctive history will be an obstacle or an asset

Understanding the Process of Economic Change 2010-04-19 a major feat of research and synthesis this book presents the first comprehensive history of the dutch economy in

the nineteenth century an important but poorly understood piece of european economic history based on a detailed reconstruction of extensive economic data the authors account for demise of the dutch economy s golden age after showing how institutional factors combined to make the dutch economy a victim of its own success the book traces its subsequent emergence as a modern industrial economy between 1780 and 1914 the netherlands went through a double transition its economy which in the words of adam smith was approaching a stationary state in the eighteenth century entered a process of modern economic growth during the middle decades of the nineteenth at the same time the country s sociopolitical structure was undergoing radical transformation as the decentralized polity of the republic gave way to a unitary state as the authors show the dramatic transformation of the dutch political structure was intertwined with equally radical changes in the institutional structure of the economy the outcome of this dual transition was a rapidly industrializing economy on one side and on the other the neocorporatist sociopolitical structure that would characterize the netherlands in the twentieth century analyzing both processes with a focus on institutional change this book argues that the economic and political development of the netherlands can be understood only in tandem

The European Economy since 1945 2008-07-01 ranking among the most distinguished economists and scholars of his generation jacob viner is best remembered for his work in international economics and in the history of economic thought mark blaug in his great economists since keynes cambridge 1985 remarked that viner was quite simply the greatest historian of economic thought that ever lived never before however have viner s important contributions to the intellectual history of economics been collected into one convenient volume this book performs this valuable service to scholarship by reprinting viner s classic essays on such topics as adam smith and laissez faire the intellectual history of laissez faire and power versus plenty as an objective of foreign policy in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries also included are viner s penetrating and previously unpublished wabash college lectures jacob viner was one of the truly great economists of this century as both teacher and scholar this collection covers a wide range with special emphasis on the history of thought today s economists will find the essays just as thought provoking and as illuminating as did his contemporaries they have aged very well indeed milton friedman hoover institution jacob viner was a great and original economic theorist what is rarer viner was a learned scholar what is still rarer viner was a wise scientist this new anthology of his writings on intellectual history is worth having in every economist s library to sample at intervals over the years in the reasoned hope that viner s wisdom will rub off on the reader and for the pleasure of his writing paul a samuelson mit i am frankly jealous of those who will be reading viner s essays for the first time marvelling at his learning amused by his dry wit instructed by his wisdom but although i cannot share their joy of discovery i shall be able to savor the subtleties that emerge from rereading these splendid essays george j stigler university of chicago this volume will be a treat for the reader who appreciates scholarship felicitous use of language and the workings of a great mind the wabash lectures are gems and the introduction by douglas irwin contributes significantly to our understanding of viner s accomplishments william j baumol princeton university new york university originally published in 1991 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

The Strictures of Inheritance 2021-04-13 the poverty of clio challenges the hold that cliometrics an approach to economic history that employs the analytical tools

of economists has exerted on the study of our economic past in this provocative book francesco boldizzoni calls for the reconstruction of economic history one in which history and the social sciences are brought to bear on economics and not the other way around boldizzoni questions the appeal of economics over history which he identifies as a distinctly american attitude exposing its errors and hidden ideologies and revealing how it fails to explain economic behavior itself he shows how the misguided reliance on economic reasoning to interpret history has come at the expense of insights from the humanities and has led to a rejection of valuable past historical research developing a better alternative to new institutional economics and the rational choice approach boldizzoni builds on the extraordinary accomplishments of twentieth century european historians and social thinkers to offer fresh ideas for the renewal of the field economic history needs to rediscover the true relationship between economy and culture and promote an authentic alliance with the social sciences starting with sociology and anthropology it must resume its dialogue with the humanities but without shrinking away from theory when constructing its models the poverty of clio demonstrates why history must exert its own creative power on economics

Essays on the Intellectual History of Economics 2014-07-14 in most narratives of the history of global economic development the netherlands plays an early and leading role indeed the netherlands has maintained a leading position among the most wealthy nations since at least the fifteenth century adding to the literature on economic development maarten prak and jan luiten van zanden bring new evidence to bear on our understanding of how institutions in the netherlands fostered unprecedented long term economic growth that changed the course of history the authors argue that informal institutions had developed long before the state created the institutions commonly held to be decisive these informal institutions believed in dutch folklore to have originated in the polders tracts of low land reclaimed from the sea demonstrate how private and semi public organizations provided public safeguards for economic activity in the state's absence the authors explore how cities corporations guilds commons and other civil society organizations were structured and how they delivered advanced levels of security for market transactions the dutch miracle argues that it was this sociopolitical structure in which the early market economy of the netherlands emerged and that enabled the country's almost uninterrupted long term economic growth

The Poverty of Clio 2011-07-05 in a work with significant implications for present day economic reform in the soviet union paul gregory examines russian and soviet economic history prior to the installation of the administrative command system by drawing on basic economic statistics from 1861 to the 1930s gregory's revisionist account debunks a number of myths promulgated by historians in both the east and the west he demonstrates that the russian economy under the tsars performed much better than has previously been supposed the russian economy and its financial institutions were integrated into the world economy allowing russia to attract significant foreign capital furthermore he shows that stalin's justifications for the abandonment of the new economic policy in the late 1920s were incorrect the so called crises of nep were either fabricated or the result of misguided economic thinking before command is the culmination of the author's lifelong study of the economic history of russia and the soviet union in convincing detail it describes little known russian and soviet successes with market capitalism while it also shows the problems inherent in a mixed system such as the nep which seeks to combine very strong elements of command with market resource allocation originally published in 1994 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university

highlights several economic and sociological features of the famine previously neglected in the literature such as the part played by traders and markets by medical science and by migration other topics include how the irish climate usually hospitable to the potato exacerbated the failure of the crops in 1845 1847 and the controversial issue of britain s failure to provide adequate relief to the dying irish Ó gráda also examines the impact on urban dublin of what was mainly a rural disaster and offers a critical analysis of the famine as represented in folk memory and tradition the broad scope of this book is matched by its remarkable range of sources published and archival the book will be the starting point for all future research into the irish famine

The Israeli Economy 2021-11-23 what modern economics can tell us about ancient rome the quality of life for ordinary roman citizens at the height of the roman empire probably was better than that of any other large group of people living before the industrial revolution the roman market economy uses the tools of modern economics to show how trade markets and the pax romana were critical to ancient rome s prosperity peter temin one of the world s foremost economic historians argues that markets dominated the roman economy he traces how the pax romana encouraged trade around the mediterranean and how roman law promoted commerce and banking temin shows that a reasonably vibrant market for wheat extended throughout the empire and suggests that the antonine plague may have been responsible for turning the stable prices of the early empire into the persistent inflation of the late he vividly describes how various markets operated in roman times from commodities and slaves to the buying and selling of land applying modern methods for evaluating economic growth to data culled from historical sources temin argues that roman italy in the second century was as prosperous as the dutch republic in its golden age of the seventeenth century the roman market economy reveals how economics can help us understand how the roman empire could have ruled seventy million people and endured for centuries

Understanding the Process of Economic Change 2005-01-01 this comprehensive account of the economic development of spain available for the first time in english is generally regarded as a major achievement in spanish historiography it covers the entire history of spain s economic and social evolution from prehistoric times to the end of the nineteenth century the book originated from lectures given at the university of barcelona by jaime vicens vives who has been called spain s greatest historian in recent decades aware of all the major interpretations of spanish history the author draws upon the recent research of spanish french and american historians yet to the overall picture he gives his own imprint originally published in 1969 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

Black '47 and Beyond 2020-09-01 a book that rewrites the history of american prosperity and inequality unequal gains offers a radically new understanding of the economic evolution of the united states providing a complete picture of the uneven progress of america from colonial times to today while other economic historians base their accounts on american wealth peter lindert and jeffrey williamson focus instead on income and the result is a bold reassessment of the american economic experience america has been exceptional in its rising inequality after an egalitarian start but not in its long run growth america had already achieved world income leadership by 1700 not just in the twentieth century as is commonly thought long before independence american colonists enjoyed higher living standards than britain and america s income advantage today is no greater than it was three hundred years ago but that advantage was lost during the revolution lost again during the civil war and lost a third time during the great depression though it was regained

after each crisis in addition lindert and williamson show how income inequality among americans rose steeply in two great waves from 1774 to 1860 and from the 1970s to today rising more than in any other wealthy nation in the world unequal gains also demonstrates how the widening income gaps have always touched every social group from the richest to the poorest the book sheds critical light on the forces that shaped american income history and situates that history in a broad global context economic writing at its most stimulating unequal gains provides a vitally needed perspective on who has benefited most from american growth and why

The Roman Market Economy 2017-09-05 a comprehensive analysis of european craft guilds through eight centuries of economic history guilds ruled many crafts and trades from the middle ages to the industrial revolution and have always attracted debate and controversy they were sometimes viewed as efficient institutions that guaranteed quality and skills but they also excluded competitors manipulated markets and blocked innovations did the benefits of guilds outweigh their costs analyzing thousands of guilds that dominated european economies from 1000 to 1880 the european guilds uses vivid examples and clear economic reasoning to answer that question sheilagh ogilvie s book features the voices of honourable guild masters underpaid journeymen exploited apprentices shady officials and outraged customers and follows the stories of the vile encroachers women migrants jews gypsies bastards and many others desperate to work but hunted down by the guilds as illicit competitors she investigates the benefits of guilds but also shines a light on their dark side guilds sometimes provided important services but they also manipulated markets to profit their members they regulated quality but prevented poor consumers from buying goods cheaply they fostered work skills but denied apprenticeships to outsiders they transmitted useful techniques but blocked innovations that posed a threat guilds existed widely not because they corrected market failures or served the common good but because they benefited two powerful groups guild members and political elites exploring guilds inner workings across eight centuries the european guilds shows how privileged institutions and exclusive networks shape the wider economy for good or ill

Economic History of Spain 2015-12-08 why stable banking systems are so rare why are banking systems unstable in so many countries but not in others the united states has had twelve systemic banking crises since 1840 while canada has had none the banking systems of mexico and brazil have not only been crisis prone but have provided miniscule amounts of credit to business enterprises and households analyzing the political and banking history of the united kingdom the united states canada mexico and brazil through several centuries fragile by design demonstrates that chronic banking crises and scarce credit are not accidents calomiris and haber combine political history and economics to examine how coalitions of politicians bankers and other interest groups form why they endure and how they generate policies that determine who gets to be a banker who has access to credit and who pays for bank bailouts and rescues fragile by design is a revealing exploration of the ways that politics inevitably intrudes into bank regulation

Unequal Gains 2017-12-05 a reference guide to the literature in english for teachers and students of modern european economic and social history the bibliography covers writings on the period 1700 to 1939 and includes most of the literature published in the 20th century and a small selection of still important earlier 19th century writings the selection is confined largely to books and articles and each entry includes date of publication publisher and place of publication in the case of books and the volume number and year of publication for articles geographically the volume encompasses the whole of continental europe including turkey distributed in the us and canada by st martin s press annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

[The European Guilds](#) 2019-02-12 economists agree about many things contrary to popular opinion but the majority agree about culture only in the sense that they no longer give it much thought so begins the first chapter of cultures merging in which eric jones one of the world s leading economic historians takes an eloquent pointed

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Economic Development of Japan 2015-12-08 power to the people examines the varied but interconnected relationships between energy consumption and economic development in europe over the last five centuries it describes how the traditional energy economy of medieval and early modern europe was marked by stable or falling per capita energy consumption and how the first industrial revolution in the eighteenth century fueled by coal and steam engines redrew the economic social and geopolitical map of europe and the world the second industrial revolution continued this energy expansion and social transformation through the use of oil and electricity but after 1970 europe entered a new stage in which energy consumption has stabilized this book challenges the view that the outsourcing of heavy industry overseas is the cause arguing that a third industrial revolution driven by new information and communication technologies has played a major stabilizing role power to the people offers new perspectives on the challenges posed today by climate change and peak oil demonstrating that although the path of modern economic development has vastly increased our energy use it has not been a story of ever rising and continuous consumption the book sheds light on the often lengthy and complex changes needed for new energy systems to emerge the role of energy resources in economic growth and the importance of energy efficiency in promoting growth and reducing future energy demand

States of Credit 2011-07-05 the routledge handbook of modern economic history aims to introduce readers to important approaches and findings of economic historians who study the modern world its short chapters reflect the most up to date research and are written by well known economic historians who are authorities on their subjects modern economic history blends two approaches cliometrics which focuses on measuring economic variables and explicitly testing theories about the historical performance and development of the economy and the new institutional economics which focuses on how social cultural legal and organizational norms and rules shape economic outcomes and their evolution part 1 of the handbook introduces these approaches and other important methodological issues for economic history the most fundamental shift in the economic history of the world began about two and a half centuries ago when eons of slow economic change and faltering economic growth gave way to sustained rapid economic expansion part 2 examines this theme and the primary forces economic historians have linked to economic growth stagnation and fluctuations including technological change entrepreneurship competition the biological environment war financial panics and business cycles part 3 examines the evolution of broad sectors that typify a modern economy including agriculture banking transportation health care housing and entertainment it begins by examining an equally important sector of the economy which scholars have increasingly analyzed using economic tools religion part 4 focuses on the work force and human outcomes including inequality labor markets unions education immigration slavery urbanization and the evolving economic roles of women and african americans the text will be of great value to those taking economic history courses as well as a reference book useful to professional practitioners policy makers and the public

□□□□□□□□□□□□ 2002-07 the first comprehensive history of the turkish economy the population and economy of the area within the present day borders of turkey has consistently been among the largest in the developing world yet there has been no authoritative economic history of turkey until now in uneven centuries Şevket pamuk examines the economic growth and human development of turkey over the past two hundred years taking a comparative global perspective pamuk investigates turkey s economic history through four periods the open economy during the nineteenth century ottoman era the transition from empire to nation state that spanned the two world wars and the great depression the continued protectionism and import substituting industrialization after world war ii and the neoliberal policies and the opening of the economy after 1980 making use of indices of gdp per capita trade wages health and education pamuk argues that turkey s long term economic trends cannot be

explained only by immediate causes such as economic policies rates of investment productivity growth and structural change uneven centuries offers a deeper analysis of the essential forces underlying turkey s development its institutions and their evolution to make better sense of the country s unique history and to provide important insights into the patterns of growth in developing countries during the past two centuries

Power to the People 2015-12-29 the rise of japan from agrarianism to a position as one of the leading industrial powers is one of the most dramatic and meaningful phenomena in economic history professor lockwood assistant director of the woodrow wilson school of public and international affairs of princeton university lucidly describes this astonishing transformation analyzes the factors involved capital technology foreign trade the role of the state etc and discusses the consequences originally published in 1954 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

The Routledge Handbook of Modern Economic History 2013-01-17 this collection represents a modest attempt to chart a new course for the intellectual discipline known as economic history the book is not about productivity growth in the 1990s lest the title give rise to any confusion as a group these essays suggest new and potentially fruitful areas or approaches for research and at the same time address weaknesses in past efforts one important audience will be graduate students attempting to decide whether to write a dissertation in economic history or trying to select or refine dissertation topics in the area and determine how to approach them some of the essays will most certainly be appropriate additions to the or semester courses in economic history that remain a fixture in quarter graduate economics training programs a second audience should be established scholars who are now or have in the past done research in economic history and are interested in the perspectives of a relatively younger group of scholars the term younger is used here advisedly to describe a group of scholars born between 1943 and 1954 nevertheless the authors of these essays can on at least one dimension be distinguished from the pathbreaking new economic historians who established their academic reputations in the early 1960s indeed the contributors to this volume include students of such pioneers as richard easterlin albert fishlow william parker and jeffrey williamson

Uneven Centuries 2018-11-20 a sweeping look at the evolution of commercial banks over the past two centuries commercial banks are among the oldest and most familiar financial institutions when they work well we hardly notice when they do not we rail against them what are the historical forces that have shaped the modern banking system in unsettled account richard grossman takes the first truly comparative look at the development of commercial banking systems over the past two centuries in western europe the united states canada japan and australia grossman focuses on four major elements that have contributed to banking evolution crises bailouts mergers and regulations he explores where banking crises come from and why certain banking systems are more resistant to crises than others how governments and financial systems respond to crises why merger movements suddenly take off and what motivates governments to regulate banks grossman reveals that many of the same components underlying the history of banking evolution are at work today the recent subprime mortgage crisis had its origins like many earlier banking crises in a boom bust economic cycle grossman finds that important historical elements are also at play in modern bailouts merger movements and regulatory reforms unsettled account is a fascinating and informative must read for anyone who wants to understand how the modern commercial banking system came to be where it is headed and how its development will affect global economic growth

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