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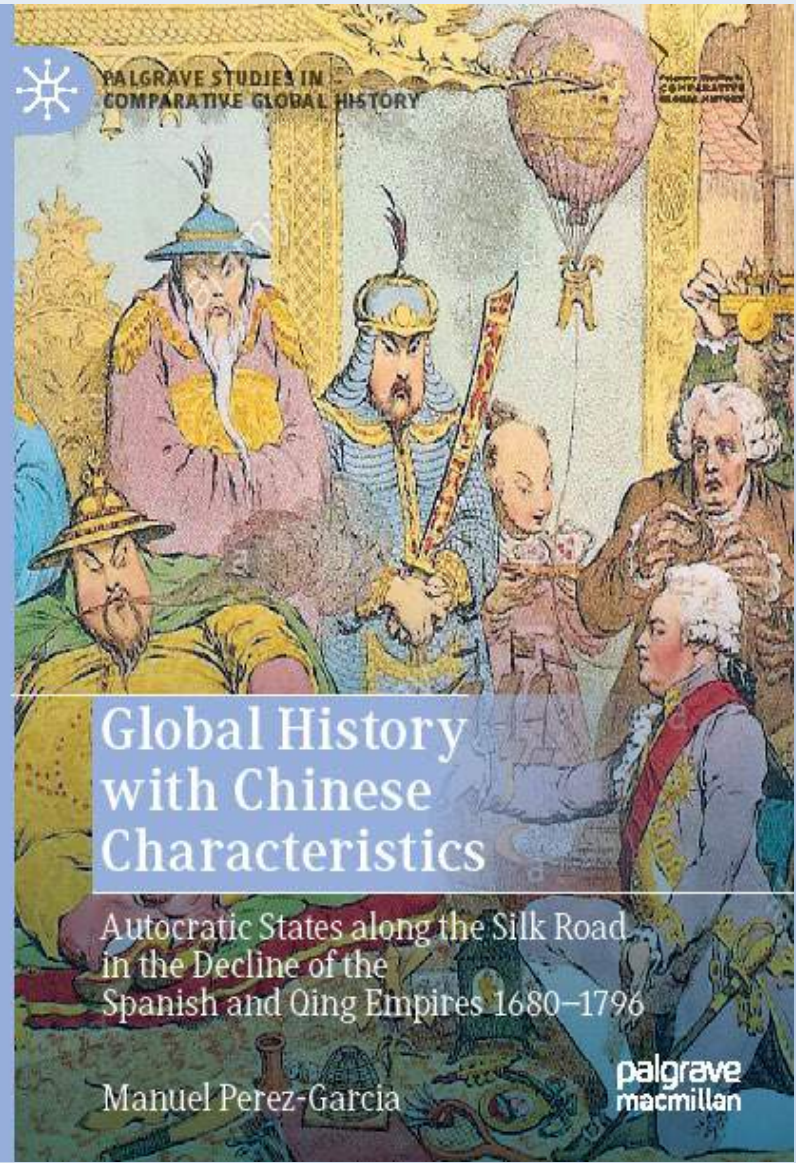
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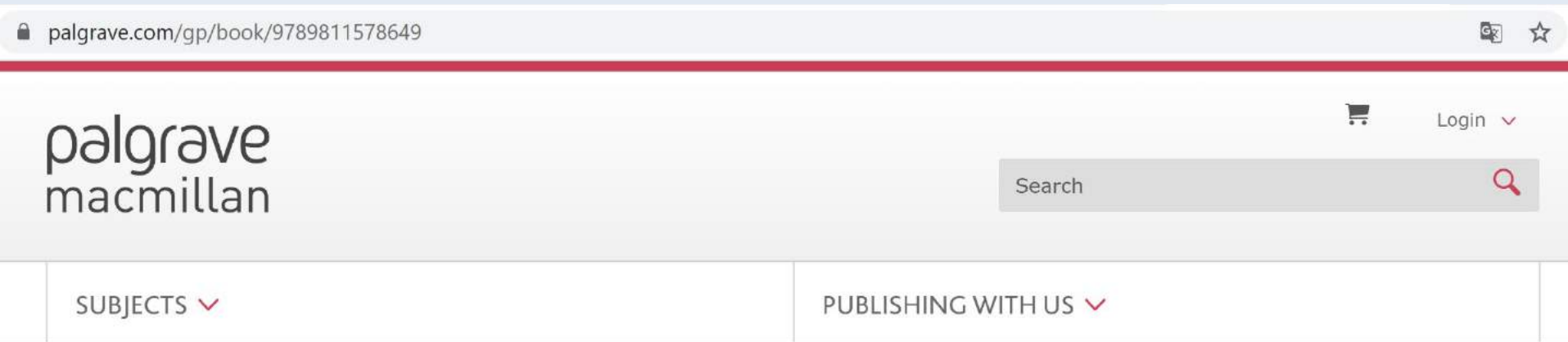
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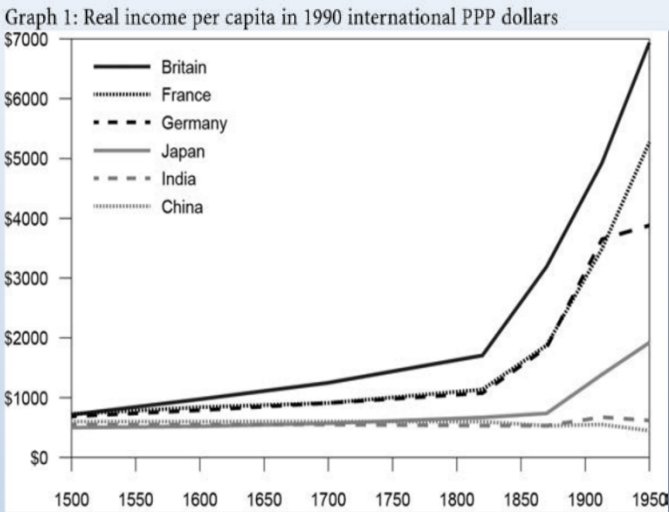
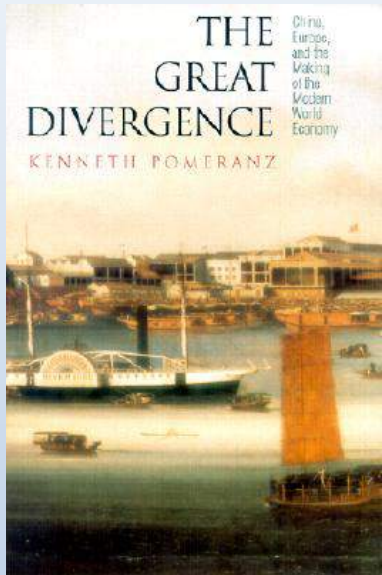
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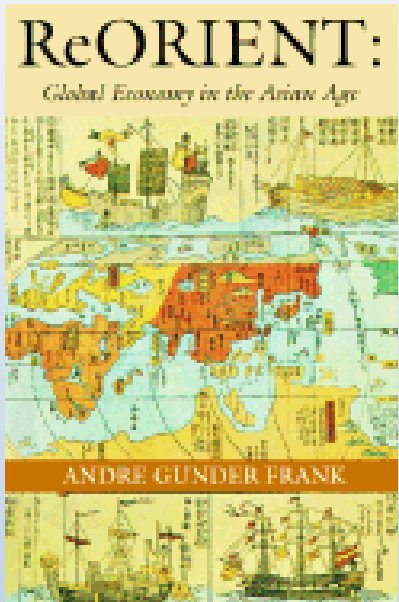
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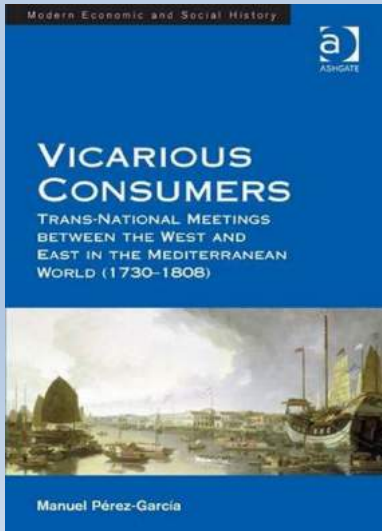
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Based on information in: Angus Maddison, *The world economy. A millennial perspective* (Paris 2001).



However, less effort has been made to measure micro data such as levels of consumption of different social groups



1730/1769						
SOCIAL GROUPS	SAMPLE (=135)	Porcelains (%)	Mirrors (%)	Household cloth made of 'indiana' (%)	Items from China (%)	Chinaware (%)
	Craftsmen (=37)	8,57	42,85	31,42	0,00	0,00
	Rest of Population (=98)	5,15	26,80	23,71	4,12	2,06
	TOTAL (=135)	6,06	31,06	25,75	11,76	5,88
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	Craftsmen (=37)	2,85	57,14	62,85	5,71	5,71
	Rest of Population (=101)	4,00	38,00	59,00	11,00	8,00
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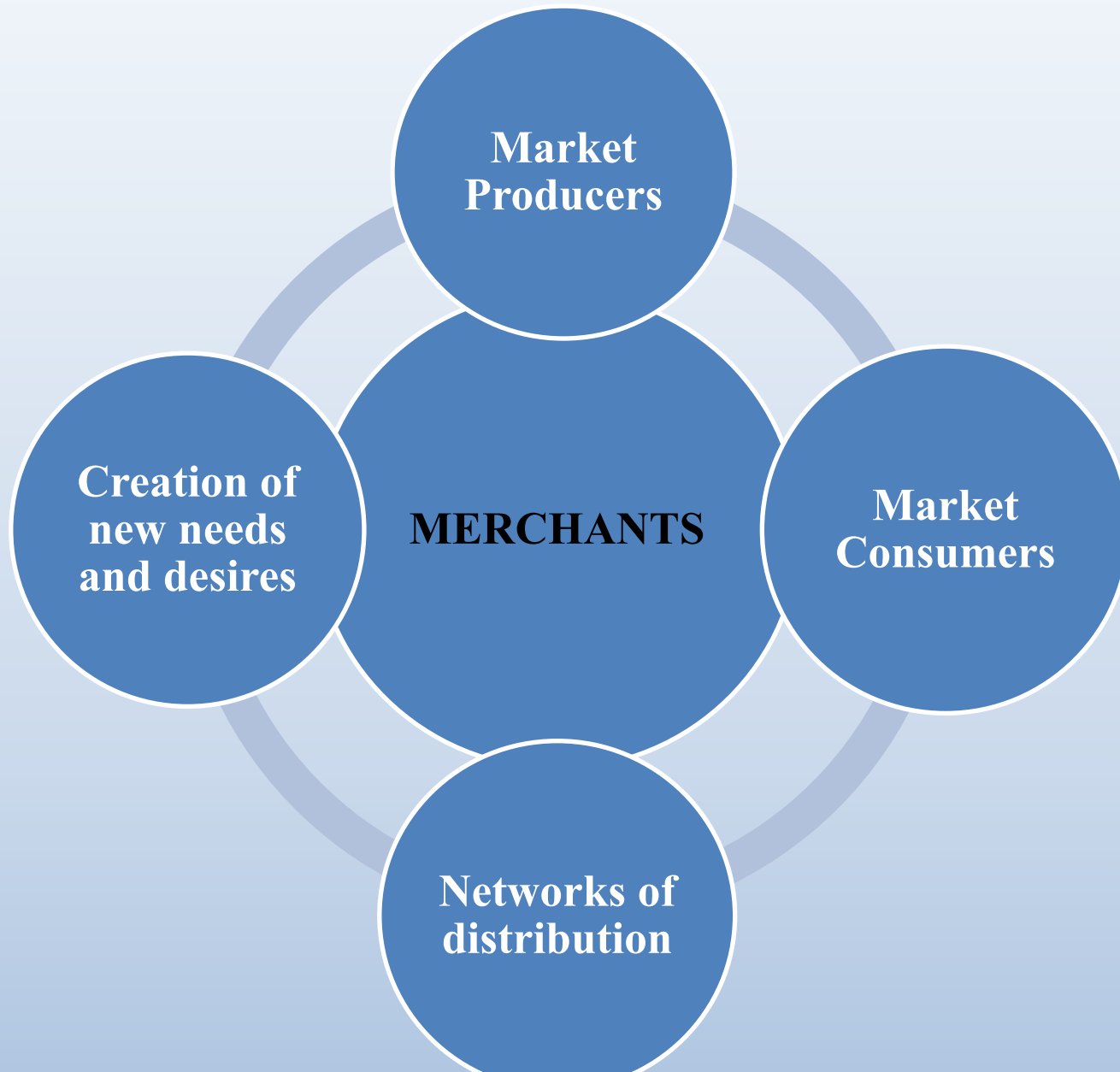
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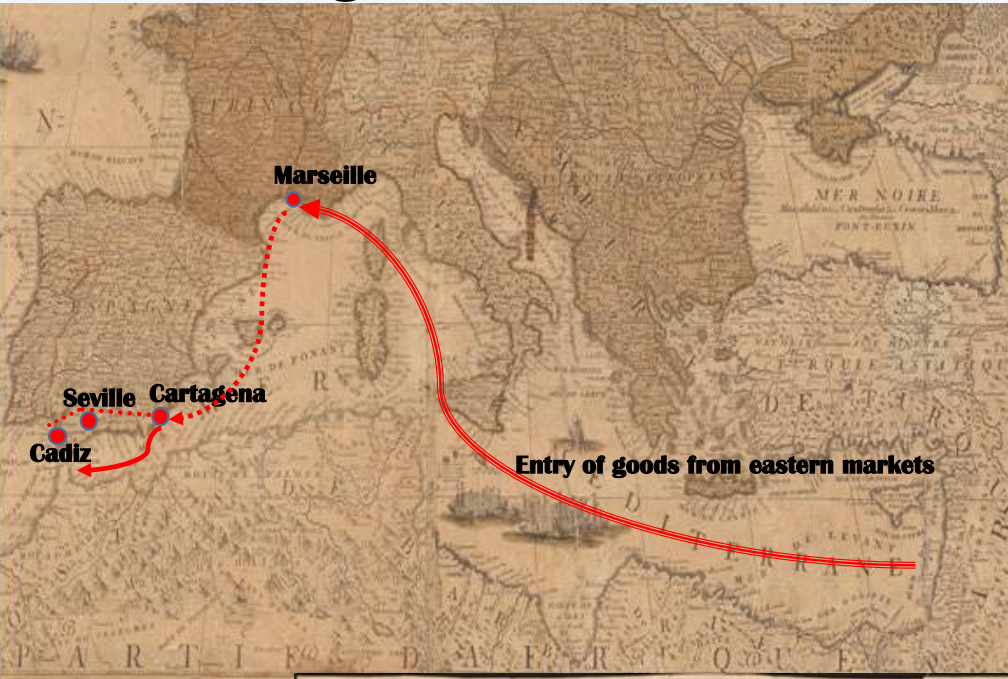
Merchants mediated the introduction of new goods, leading to changes on consumer behaviour in Europe and China

# **ROLE OF MERCHANTS AS ‘VICARIOUS’ CONSUMERS AND TRADERS**





# Market Integration and Global Consumption in Marseille and Macau



# Global Consumerism: *'Differential Consumption'*

## *Chinese Goods in Europe*

Silk from Jiangsu 江苏丝 Porcelains from Jingdezhen 景德镇 Tea from Yunnan 云南茶



**“There is nothing we don’t have that we need from you”  
[Emperor Qianlong to Lord McCartney, 1792-94]**

## *European Goods in China*

**British Clocks**



**French Mirrors**



**Wine Glasses**



**Portuguese Red Wine**





# Probate Inventories (Seville and Macau)

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# Trade records from China and Europe

中国地方志集成 (annals of local records of China,  
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Commerce of Marseille



The image shows a handwritten document titled 'Recapitulation 42'. It lists trade records for various regions, with columns for descriptions and numerical values.

Description	Value
Pour Hollande	1309175
Pour l'Angleterre et la Hollande anglaise	444089
Pour le Danemark	610388
Pour l'Espagne	10820382
Pour le Portugal	492395
Pour la Savoye et le Piemont	63525
Pour la Suisse et Geneve	27366
Pour l'Italie	18430752
Pour le Levant	18461949
Pour les Isles Françoises de l'Amérique	3605345
<b>Total</b>	<b>54161566</b>

The image shows a printed document with multiple columns of text, likely a trade record or a list of goods. The text is in Chinese characters.

Category	Item	Value
布匹	布匹	1000
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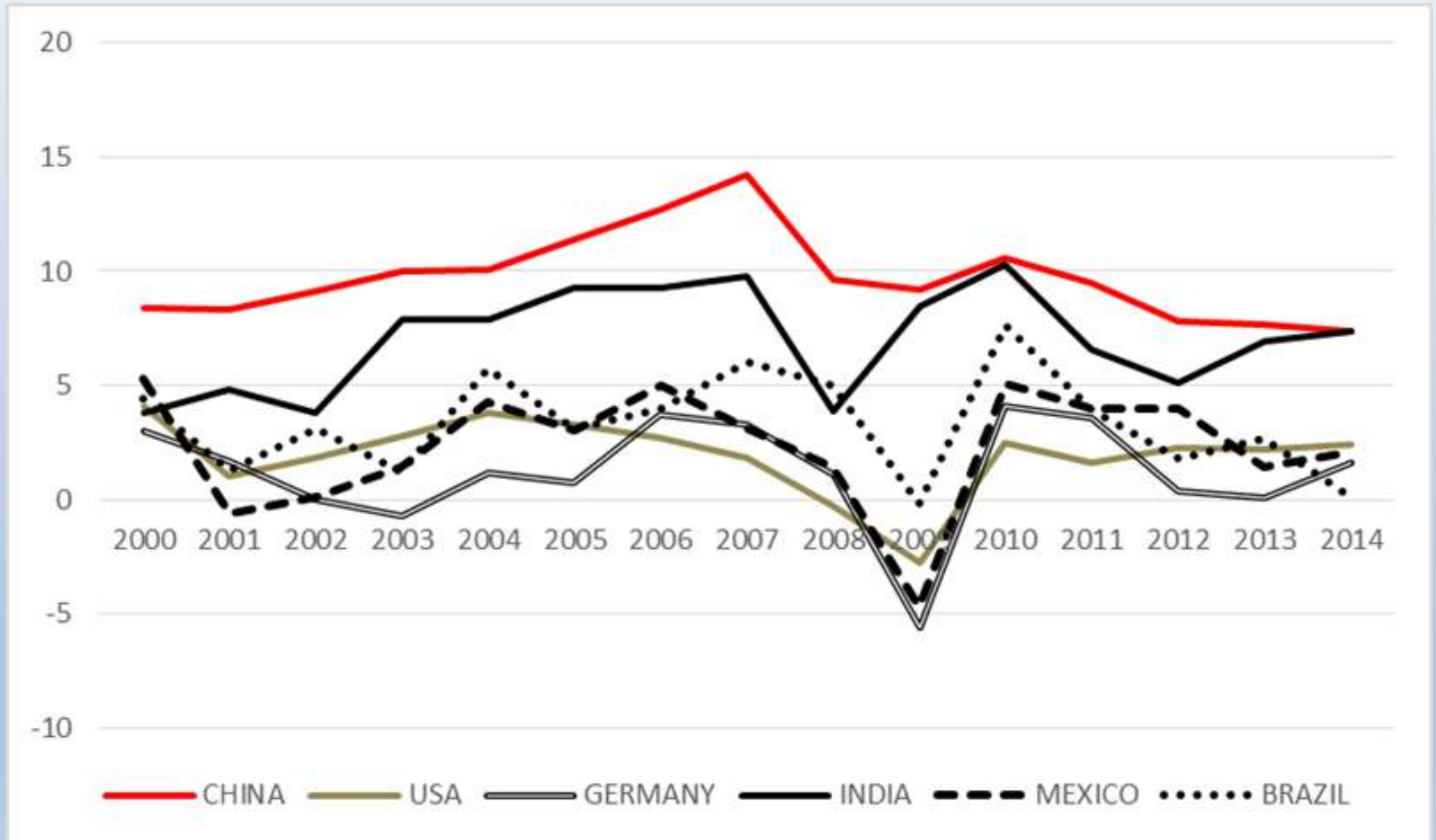
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# WORLD ECONOMIC GROWTH, MARKET INTEGRATION AND CAUSES OF FINANCIAL CRISIS

Annual Percentage **Growth Rate of GDP** at Market Prices Based on Constant Local Currency



Source: World Bank national accounts data, and OECD National Accounts data files.



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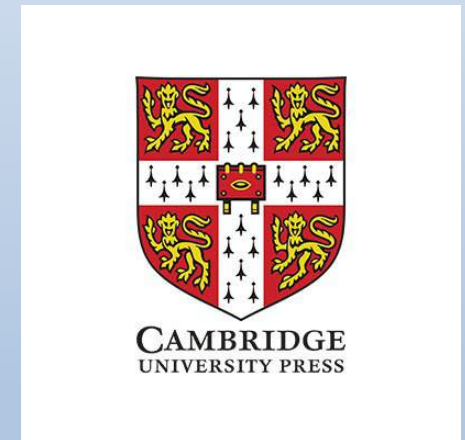
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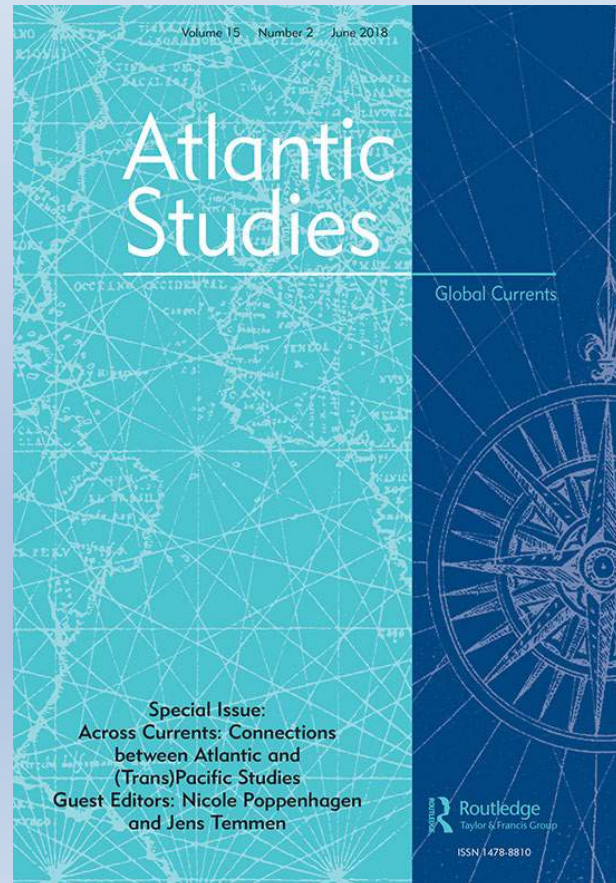
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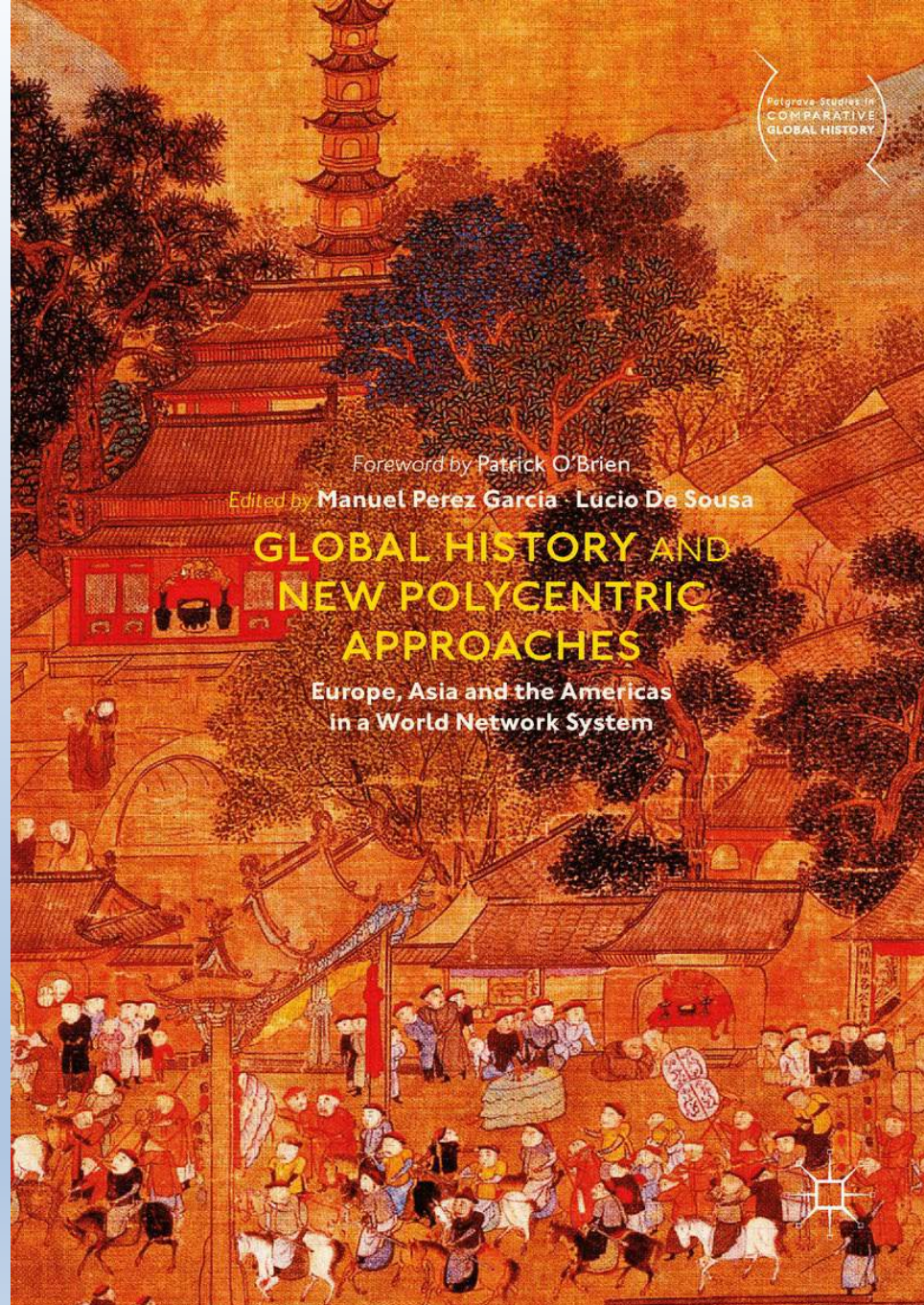
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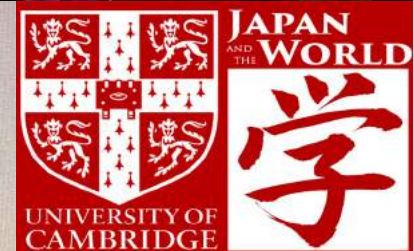


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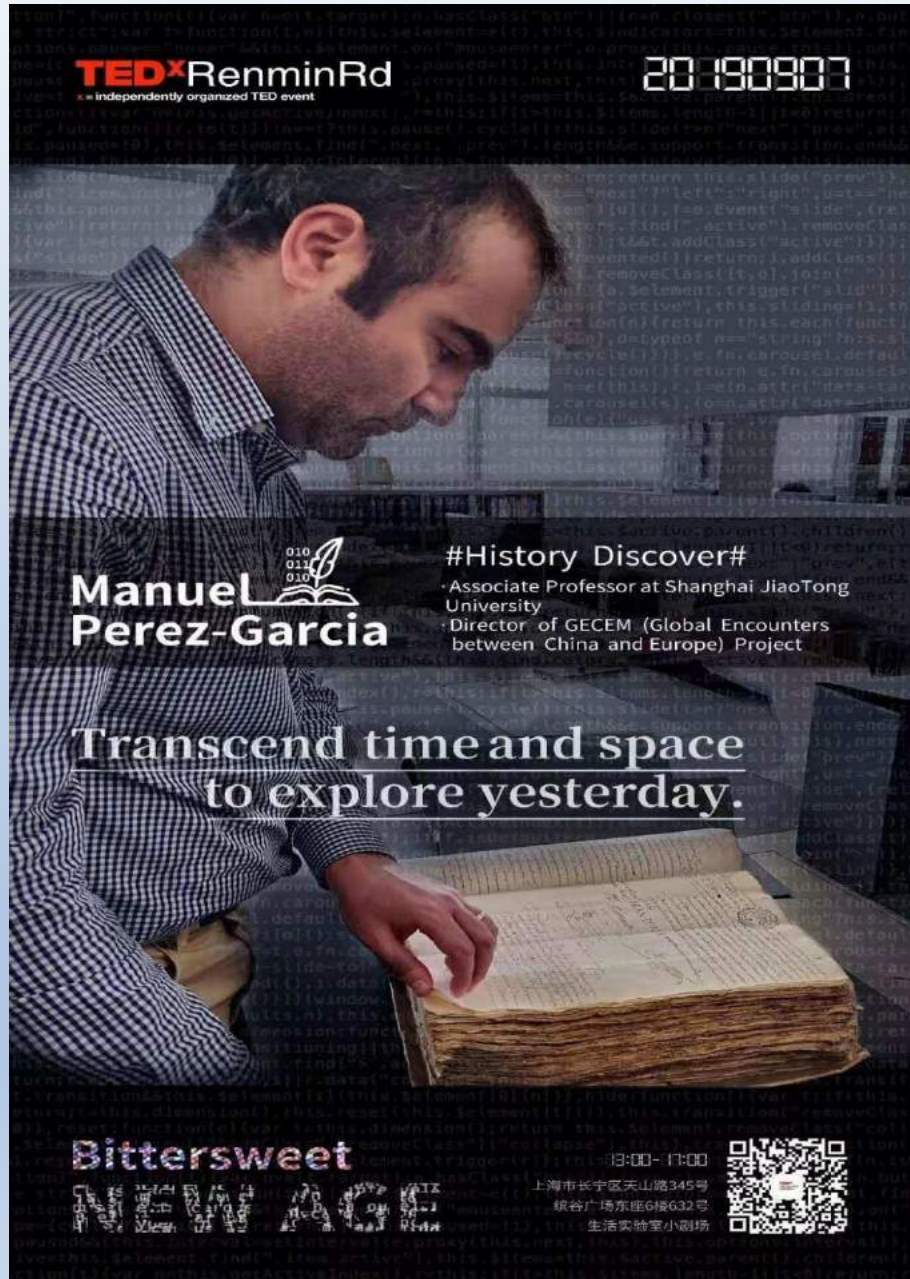




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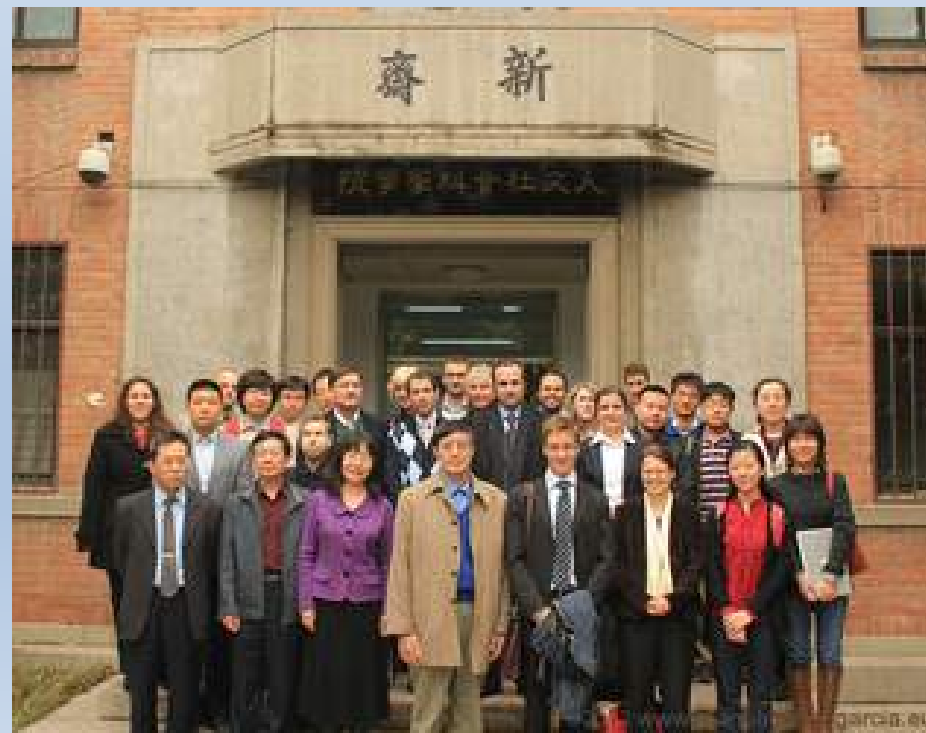
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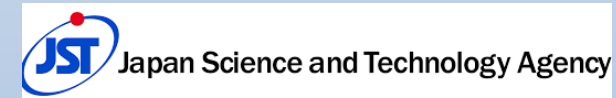
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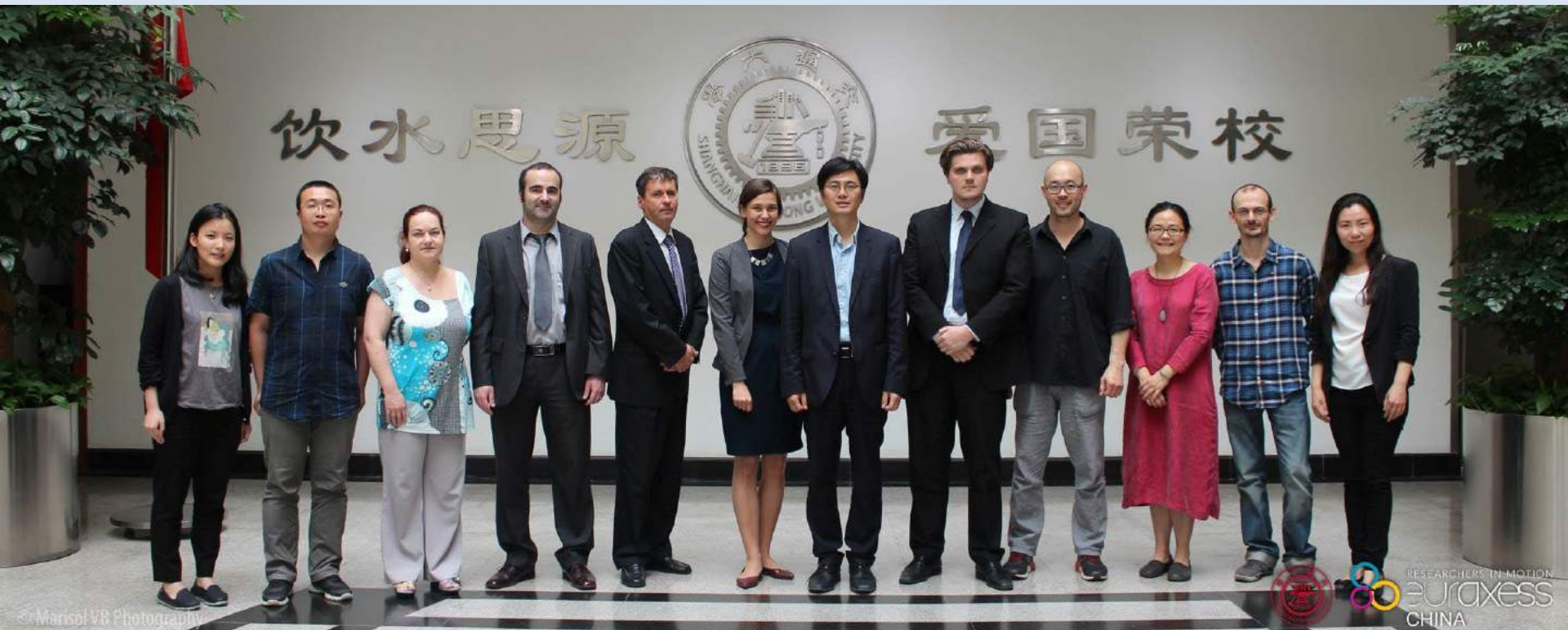


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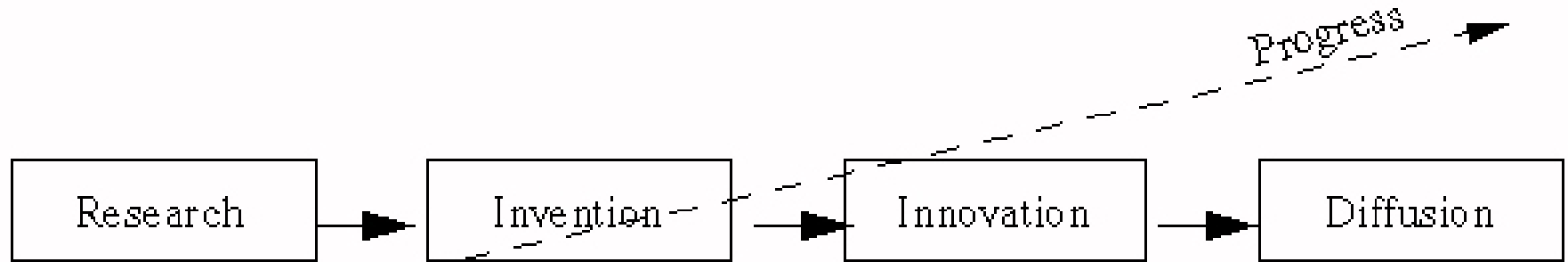


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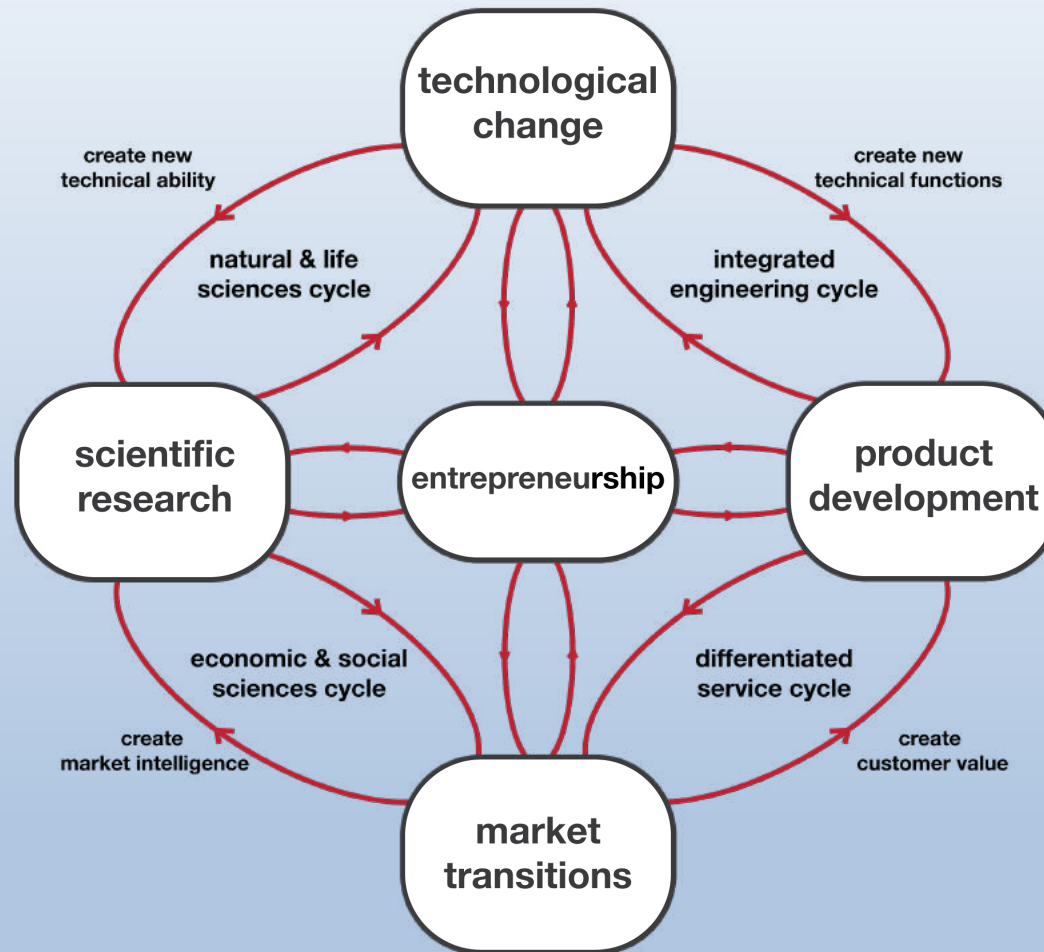
# Linear Model of Innovation



Linear model and its components

# Non-Linear Model of Innovation

## (= Interdisciplinary Studies)



Cyclic Innovation Model (CIM) presents the processes in innovation. Changes in science (left) and industry (right), and changes in technology (top) and markets (bottom) are cyclically connected. Nodes function as roundabouts, entrepreneurs generate the driving forces.

Source: A.J.Berkhout, Cyclic Innovation Model (CIM)

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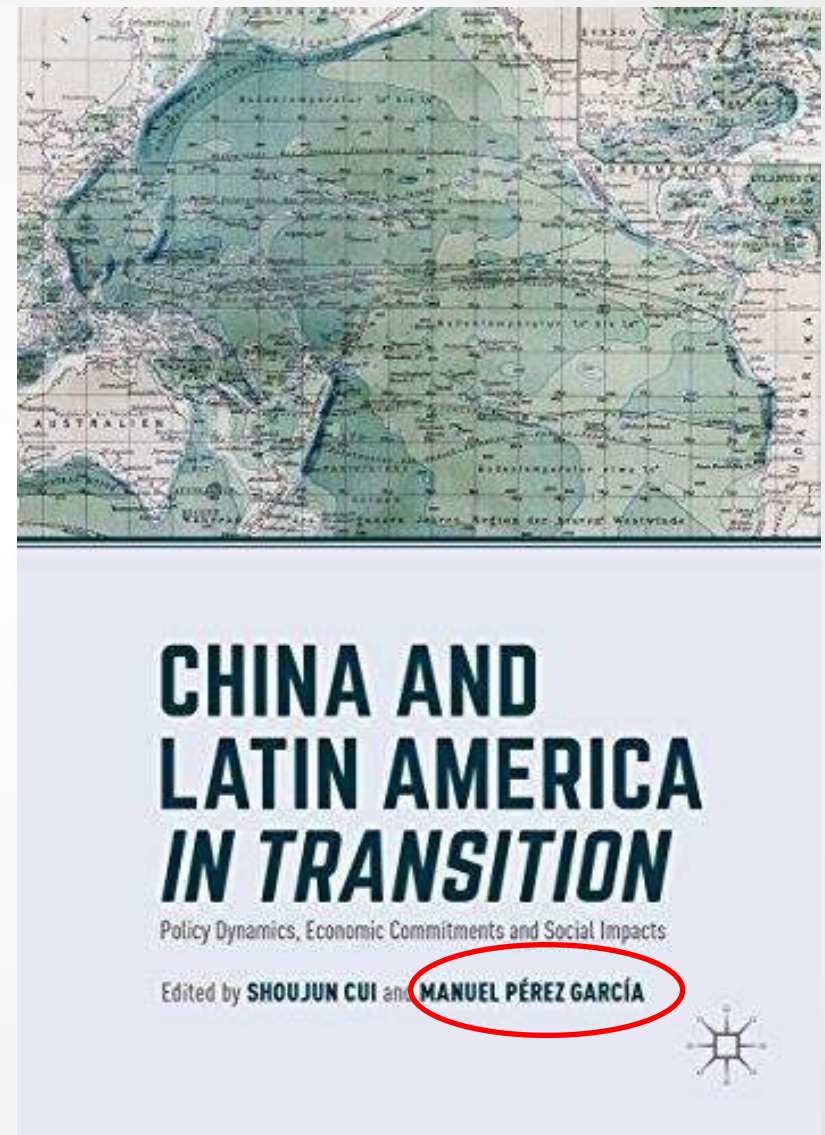
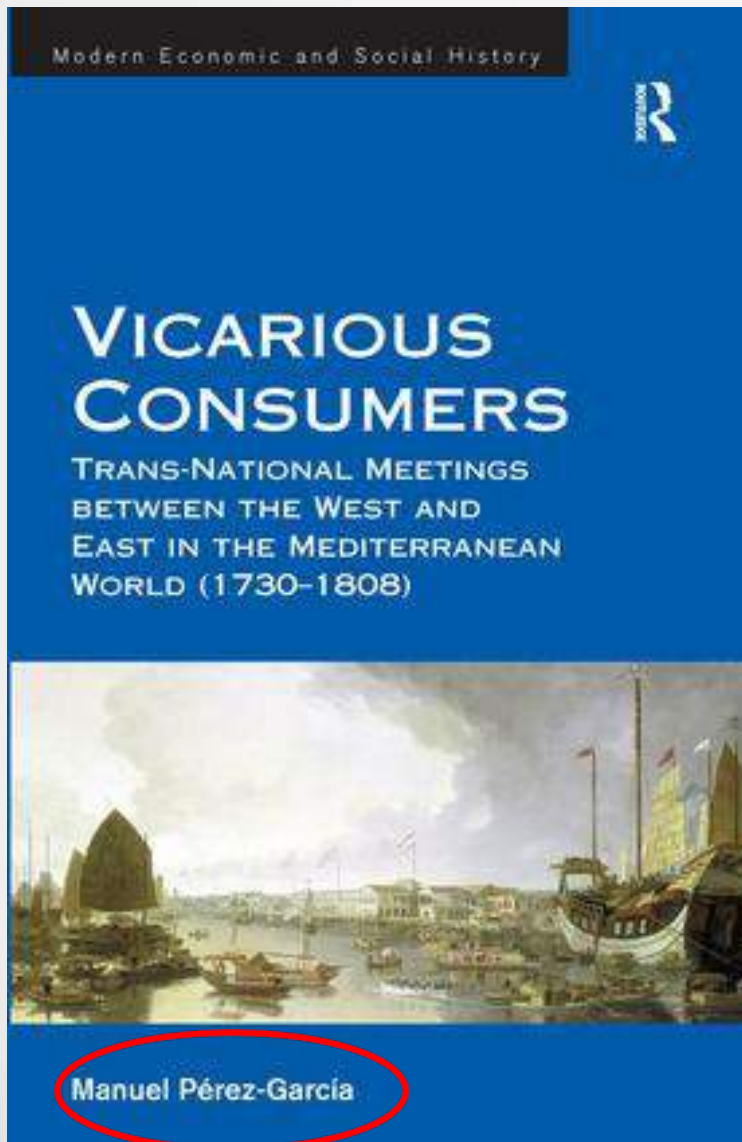
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