
History of Economic Development

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2. Changing Institutions: Political Foundations and Property Rights

a. Property Rights on Land-- Enclosures

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VIII. Modern Economic Growth—Fundamental Explanations

Why are some countries so rich and others so poor? Are there ultimate factors (geography, institutions, and culture) that have significant effects on cross-country performance today? Is there a hierarchy of growth factors, from proximate to deeper, and how might they be related? What are the separate contributions of these factors? What are the mechanisms through which fundamental explanations eventually impact on growth? How do cultural beliefs about gender, religion, honor, and trust shape economic growth?

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