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Asia in the Global Economy: Historical Dimensions

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This lecture is free and open to the public.

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Economists tend to explain the wide divergence in the income of nations by analysing the evidence of the past few decades, and neglecting previous history as a "Malthusian quagmire". The roots of divergence lie deeper in the past.

This lecture will examine the interaction between Europe and Asia in the first era of globalisation between 1500 and 1820, and in the colonial period between 1820 and 1950. Special emphasis will be given to the experience of India, Indonesia, China and Japan.



Angus Maddison, a British economist and economic historian, is emeritus professor of economics at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He was educated at Cambridge, McGill, and Johns Hopkins universities, before teaching at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Professor Maddison had a long association with the OECD. In 1978 he was appointed Professor of Economic Growth and Development at the University of Groningen.

His major current research interest is the assessment of the forces affecting the economic growth performance of nations. He is the author and co-author of more than 25 books and numerous articles in academic and financial journals.

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