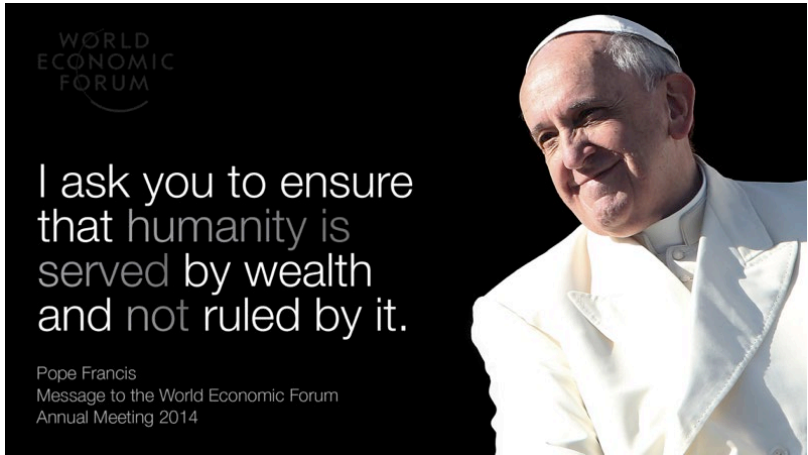


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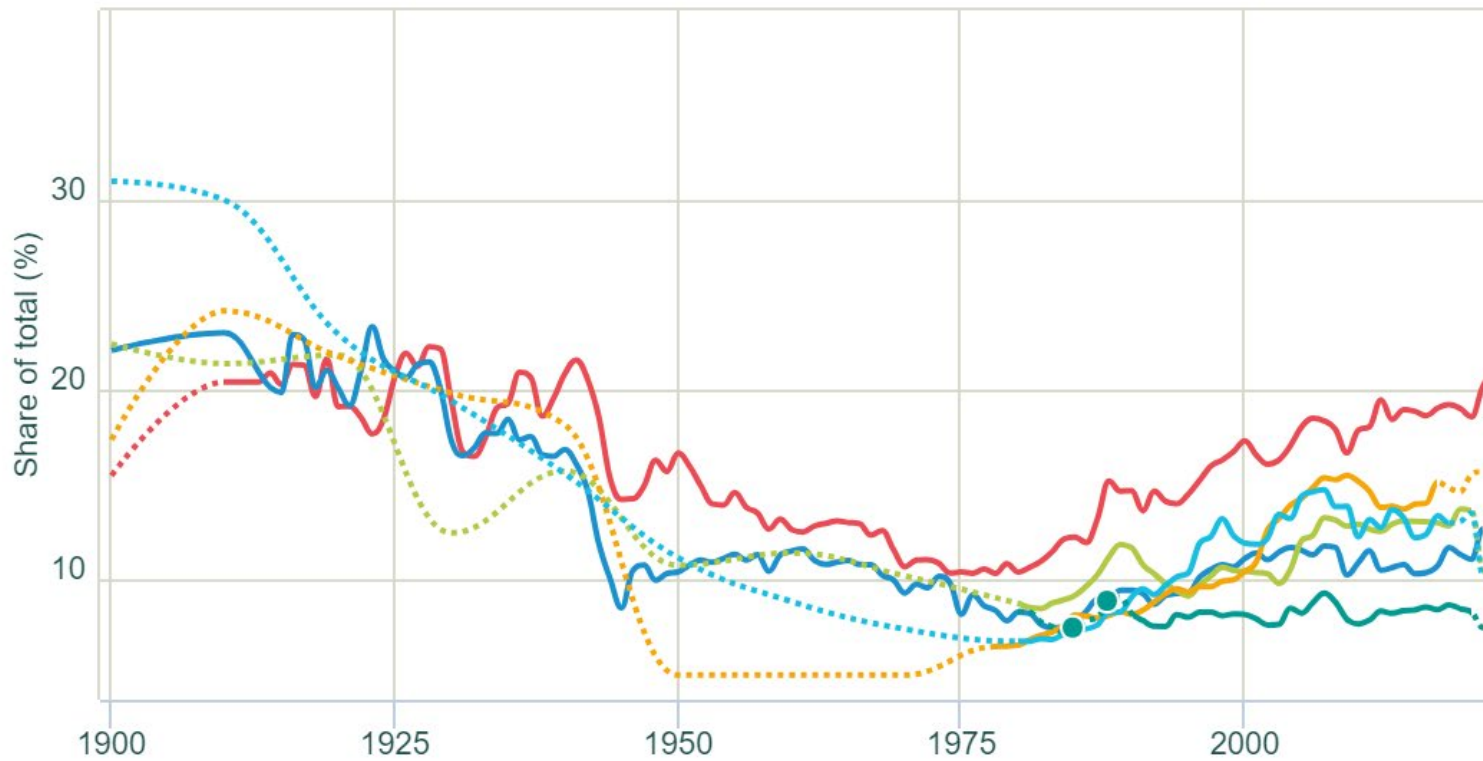
Tussen droom en realiteit

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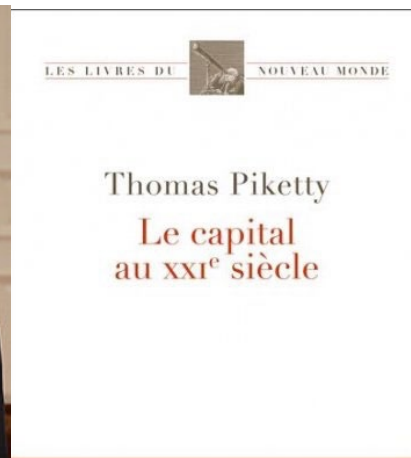
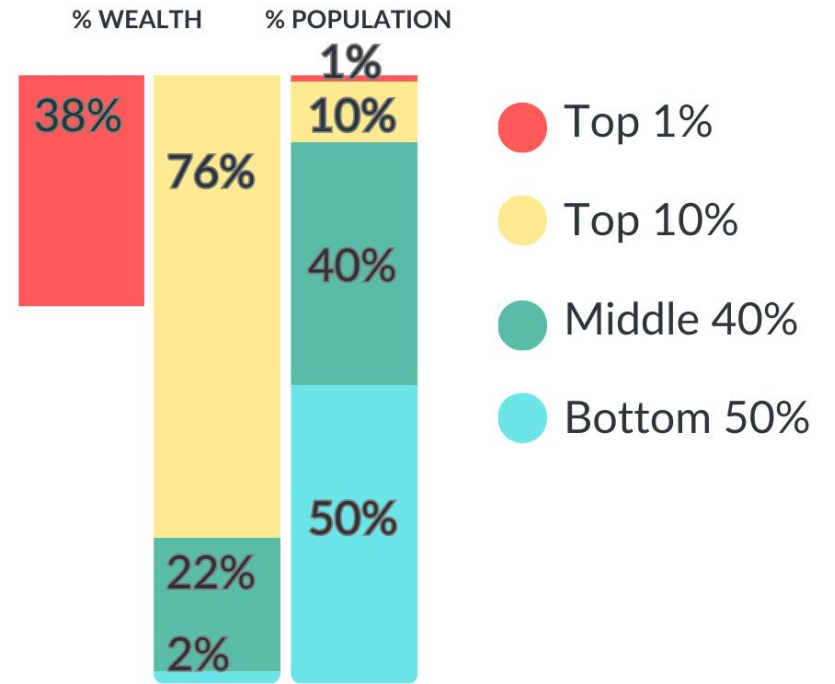


Top 1% national income share



— USA — France — Germany — China — United Kingdom — Belgium

Graph provided by www.wid.world



Mythe 1

Ongelijkheid is natuurlijk

'Thomas Piketty strijdt tegen de mens'

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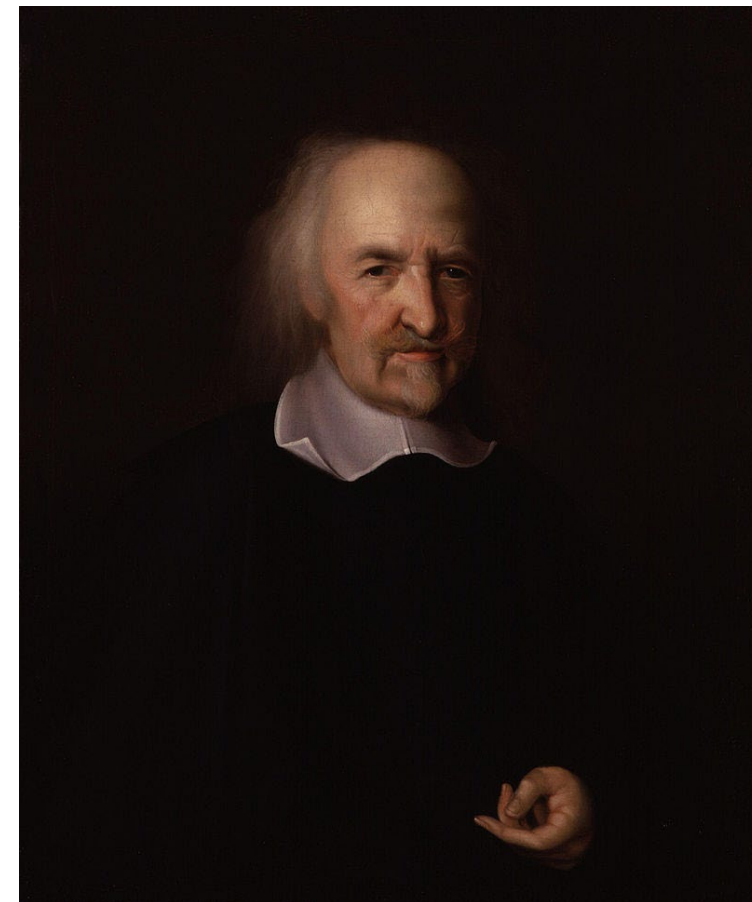


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“Every man will and may lawfully rely on his own strength and art, for caution against all other men. (...) For being distracted in opinions concerning the best use and application of their strength, they do not help, but hinder one another, and reduce their strength by mutual opposition to nothing: (...) also, when there is no common enemy, they make warre upon each other, for their particular interests.”

Hobbes, 1651



Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)



Thomas Hobbes,
Leviathan (1651)

Vilfredo Pareto (1848-1923)



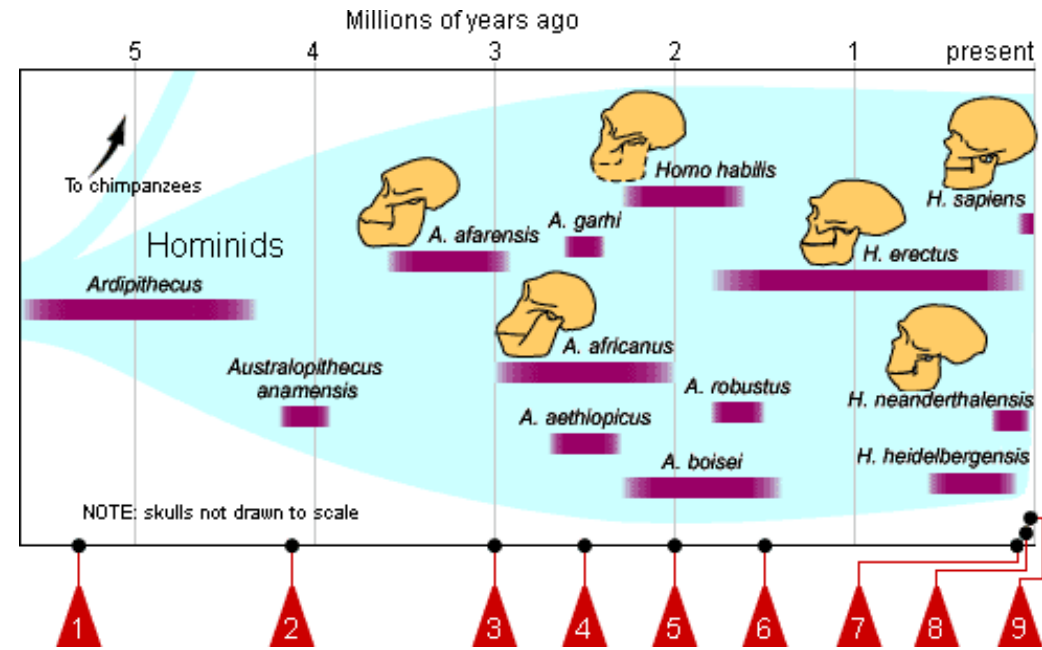
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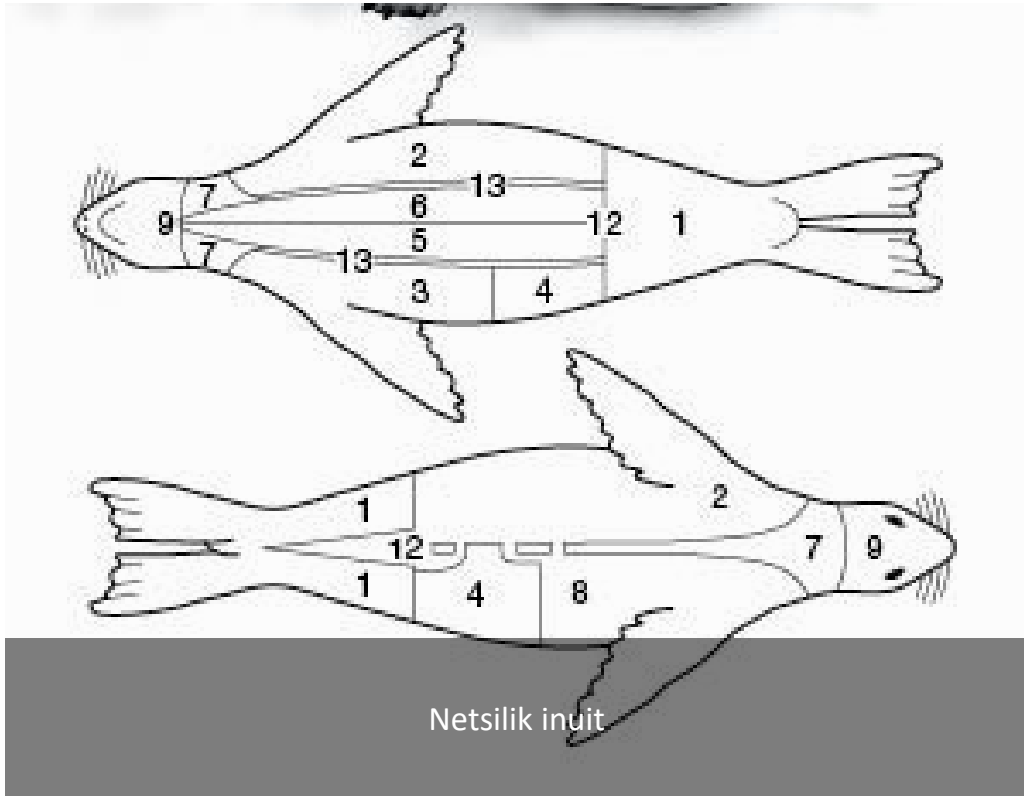


Of niet? (1)





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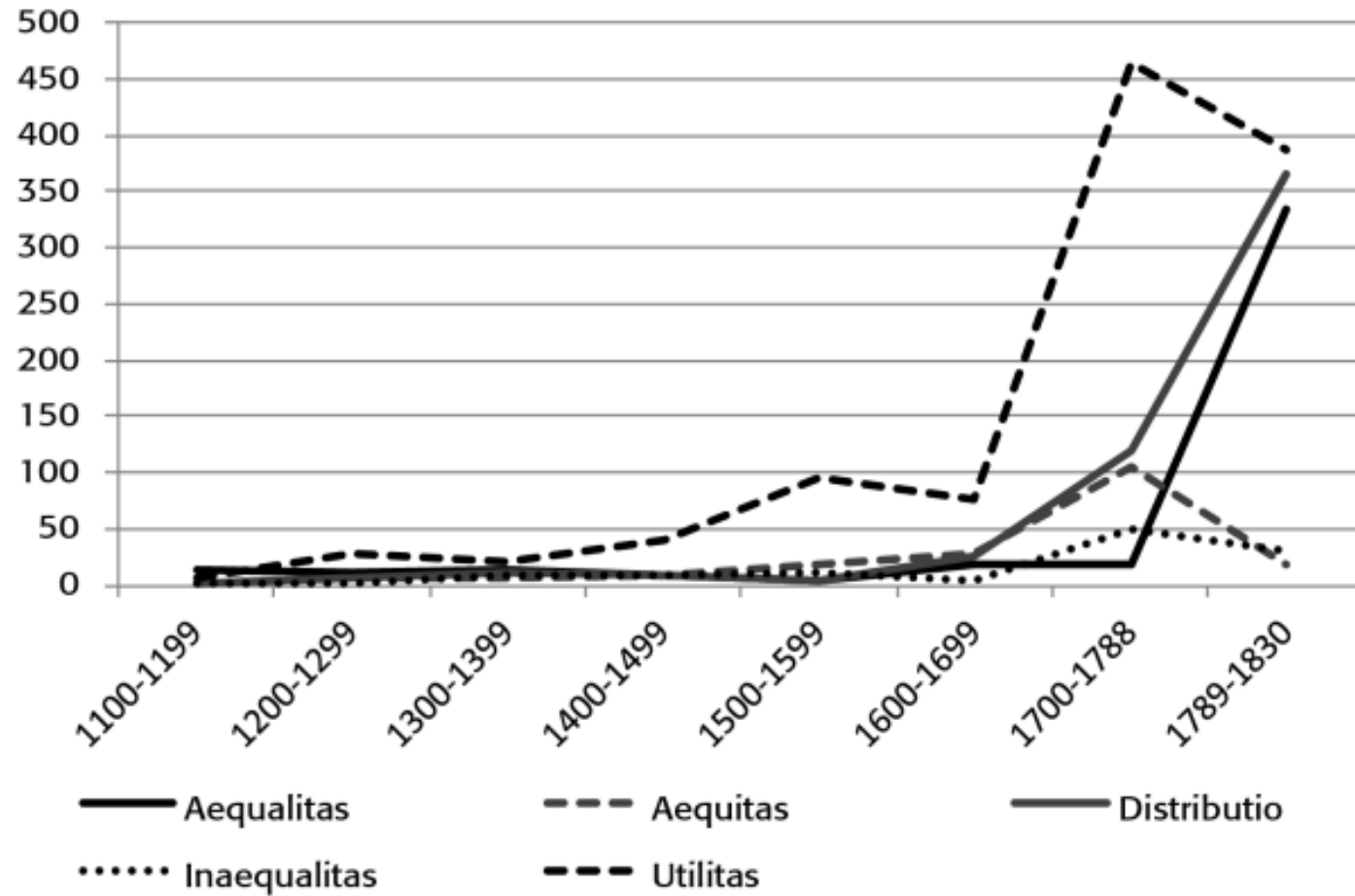


Netsilik inuit



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FIGURE 1
Diffusion of keywords related to the notion of inequality in titles
of manuscripts and printed books, 1100-1830



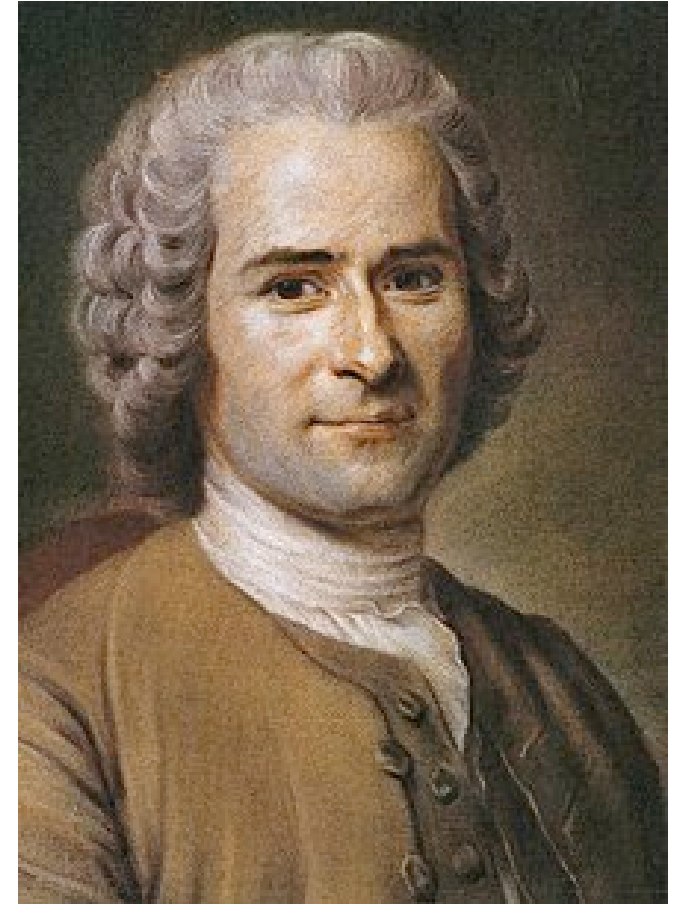
Mythe 2

Ongelijkheid is onvermijdelijk

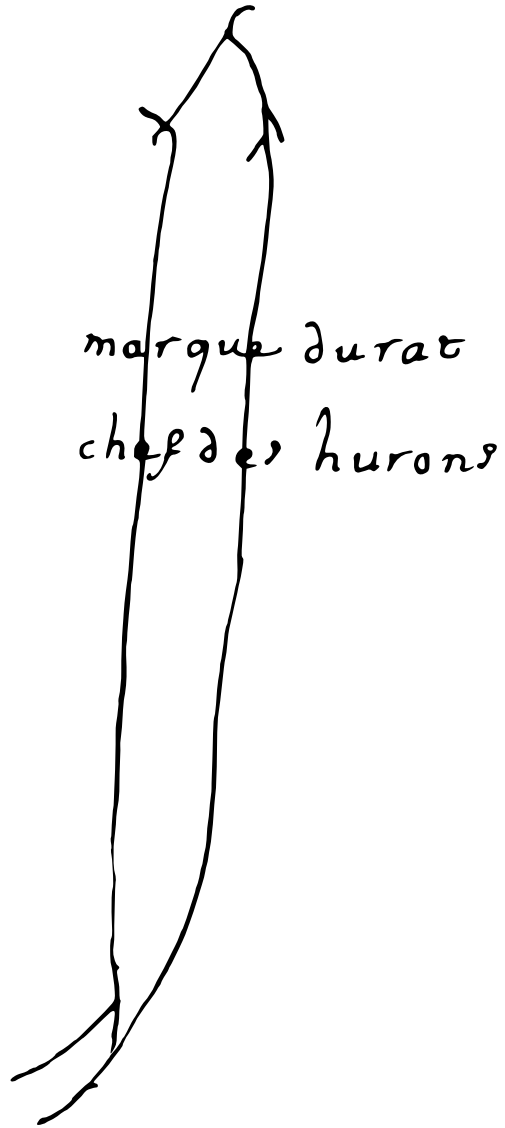
“Large populations can’t function without leaders who make the decisions, executives who carry out the decisions, and bureaucrats who administer the decisions and laws. Alas for all of you readers who are anarchists and dream of living without any state government, those are the reasons why your dream is unrealistic: you’ll have to find some tiny band or tribe willing to accept you, where no one is a stranger, and where kings, presidents, and bureaucrats are unnecessary.”

Jared Diamond, *The World Until Yesterday* (2012)

Le premier qui, ayant enclos un terrain, s'avisa de dire: "Ceci est à moi", et trouva des gens assez simples pour le croire, fut le vrai fondateur de la société civile. Que de crimes, que de guerres, de meurtres, que de misères et d'horreurs n'eût point épargnés au genre humain celui qui, arrachant les pieux ou comblant le fossé, eût crié à ses semblables: "Gardez-vous d'écouter cet imposteur; vous êtes perdus, si vous oubliez que les fruits sont à tous, et que la terre n'est à personne."

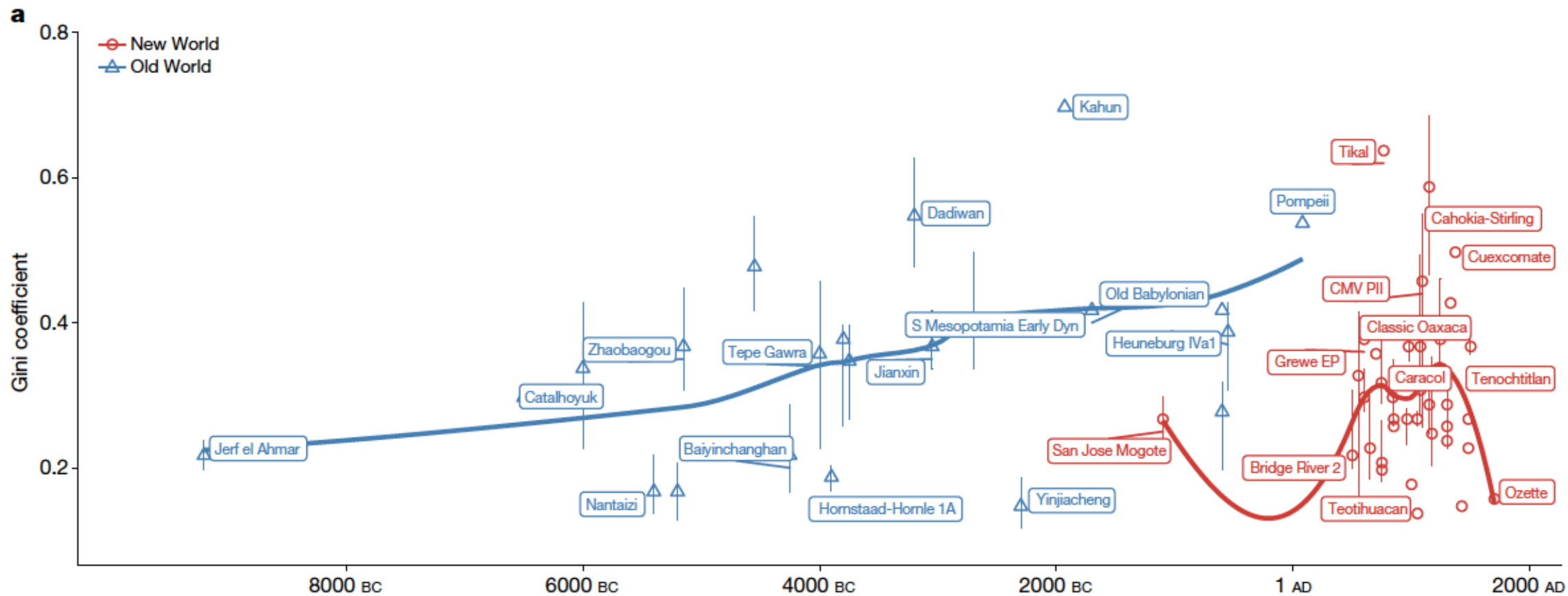


Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1753)

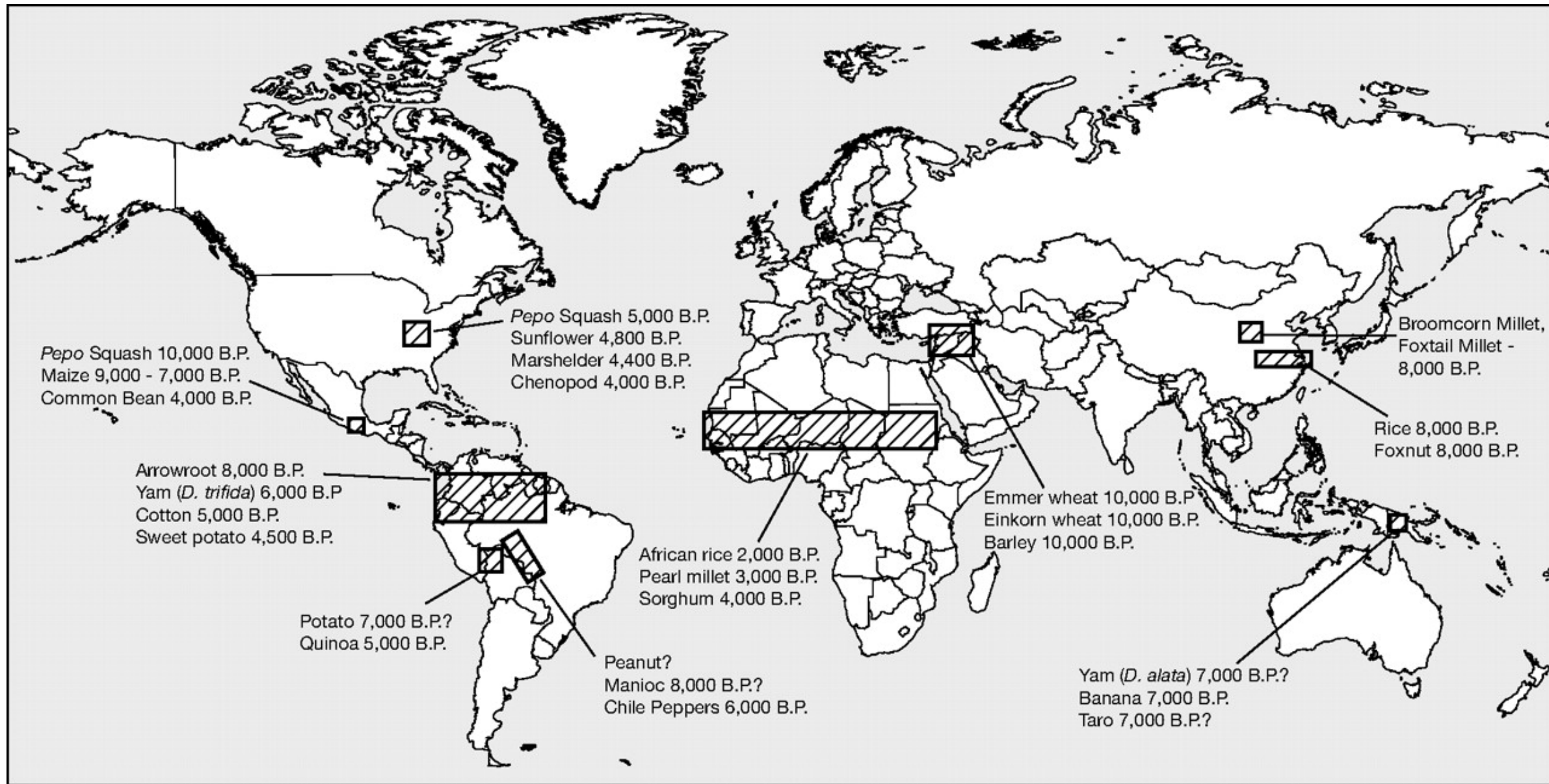


"From the beginning of the world to the coming of the French, the Savages have never known what it was so solemnly to forbid anything to their people, under any penalty, however slight. They are free people, each of whom considers himself of as much consequence as the others; and they submit to their chiefs only in so far as it pleases them."

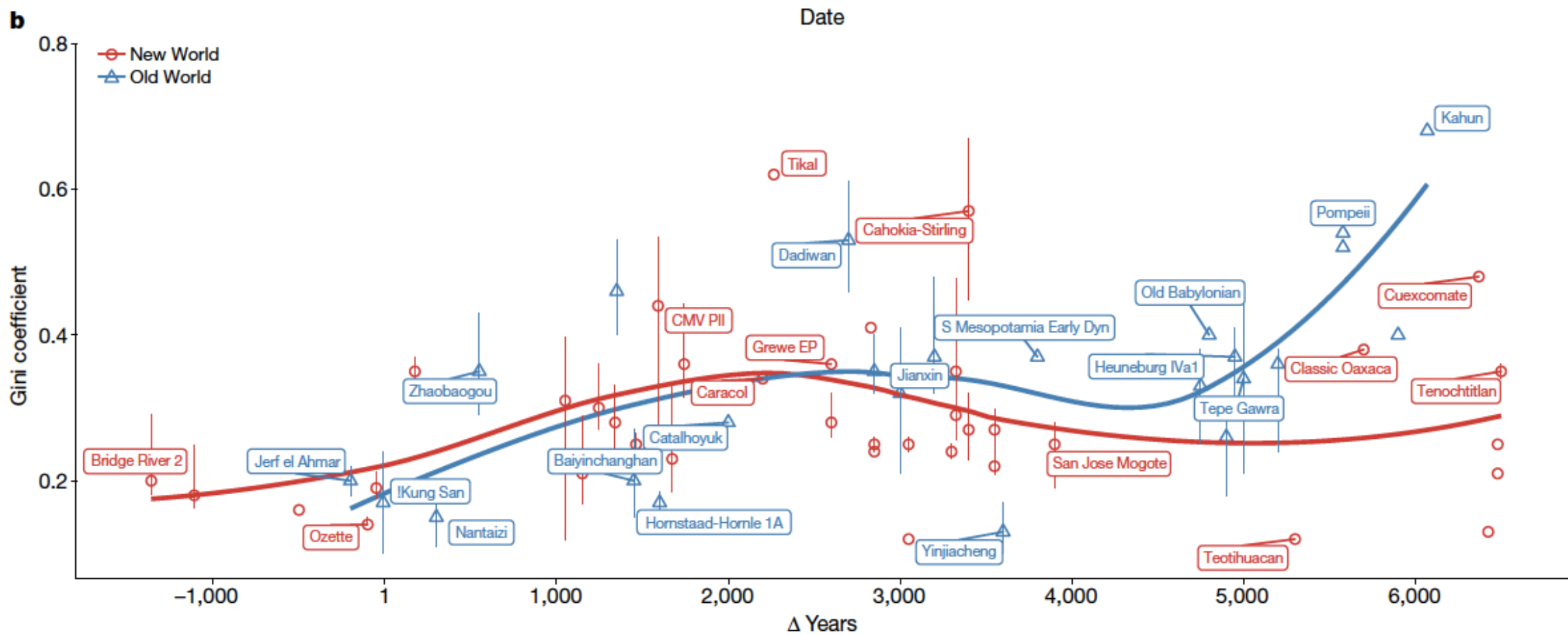
Father Lallemand (1648)



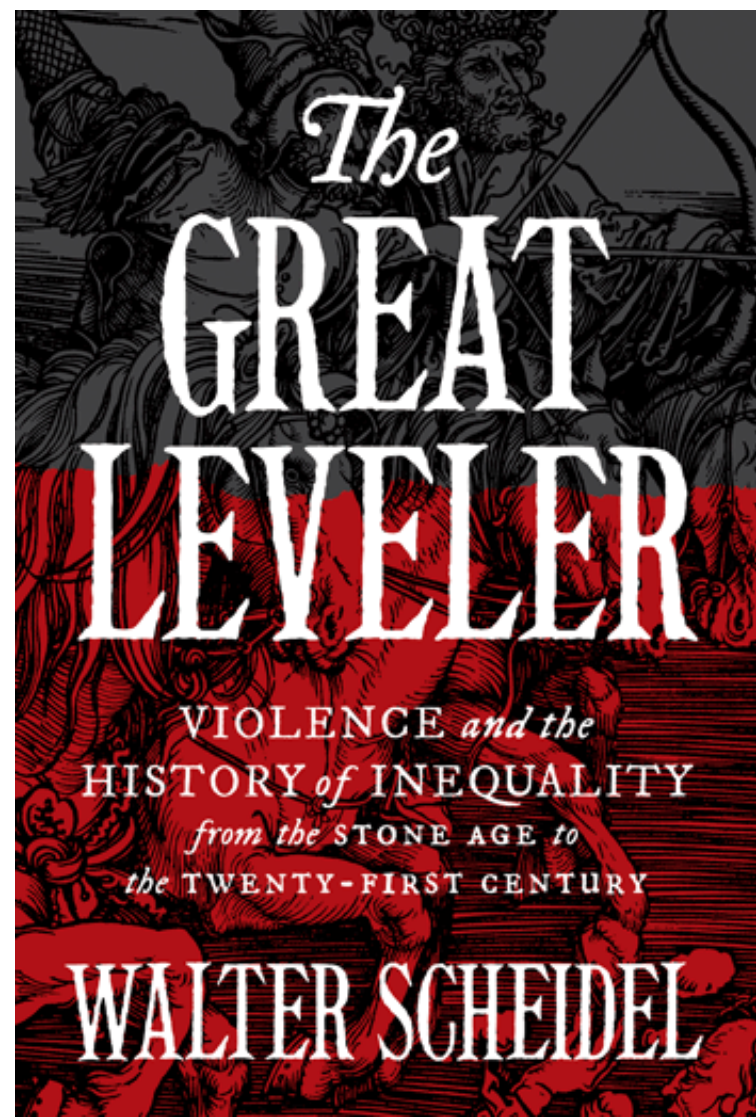
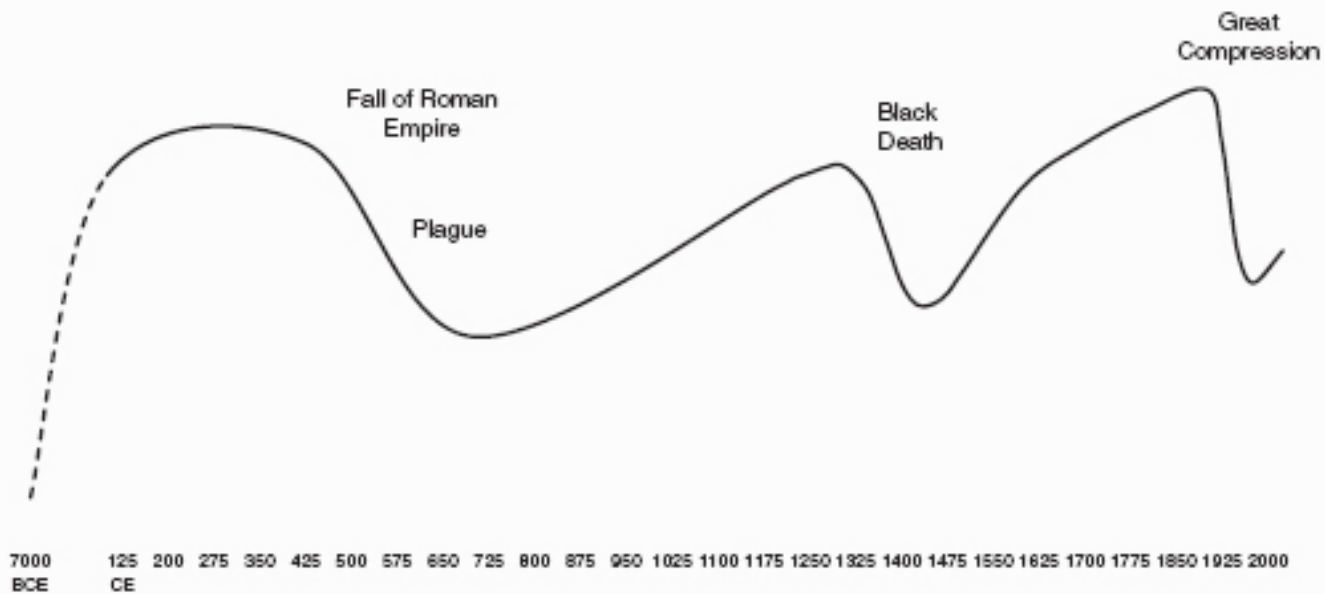
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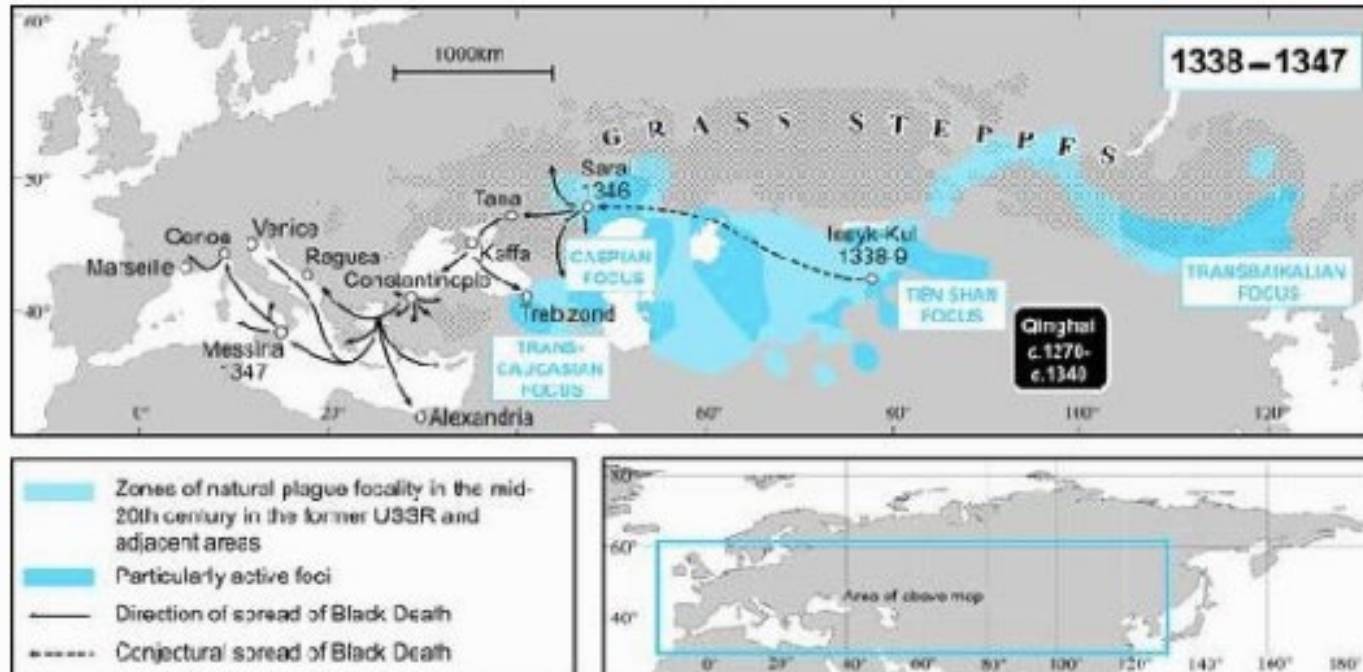
Plaatsen van domesticatie van planten in de wereld



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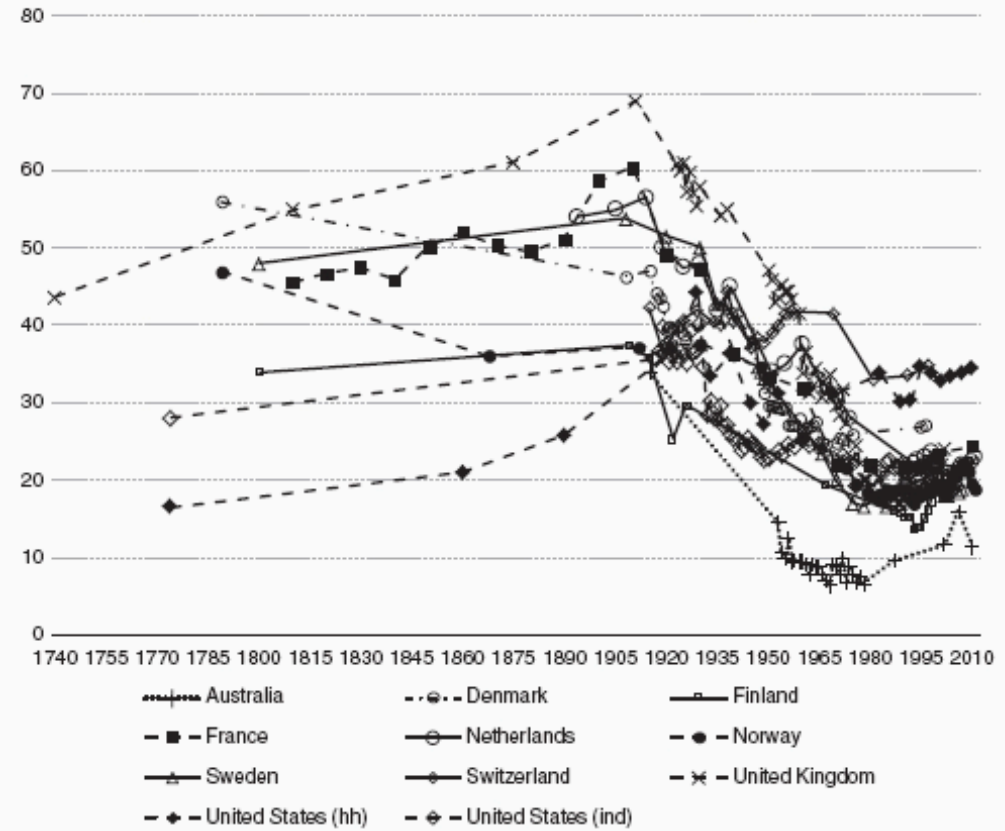
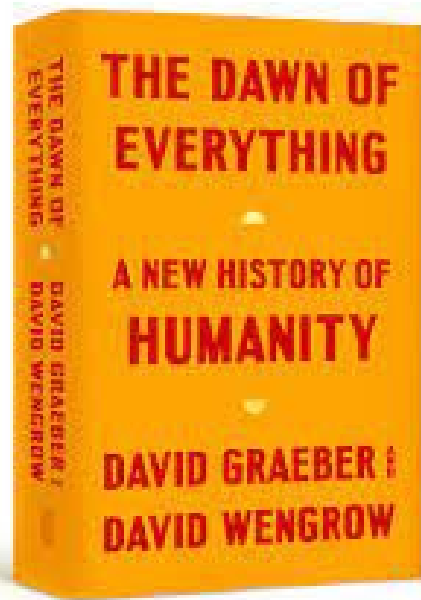


Figure 5.3 Top 1 percent wealth shares in ten countries, 1740–2011 (in percent)

Of niet? (2)

- 3 tegenvoorbeelden



Minoisch Kreta



Çatalhöyük (c. 7000 BC)



Rembrandt, De staalmeesters van het lakenbereidersgilde (1662)

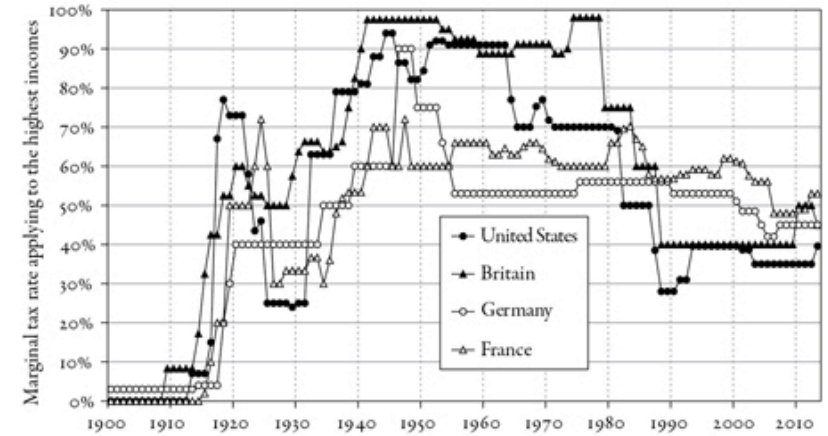


FIGURE 14.1. Top income tax rates, 1900–2013

The top marginal tax rate of the income tax (applying to the highest incomes) in the United States dropped from 70 percent in 1980 to 28 percent in 1988.

Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/capital21c.

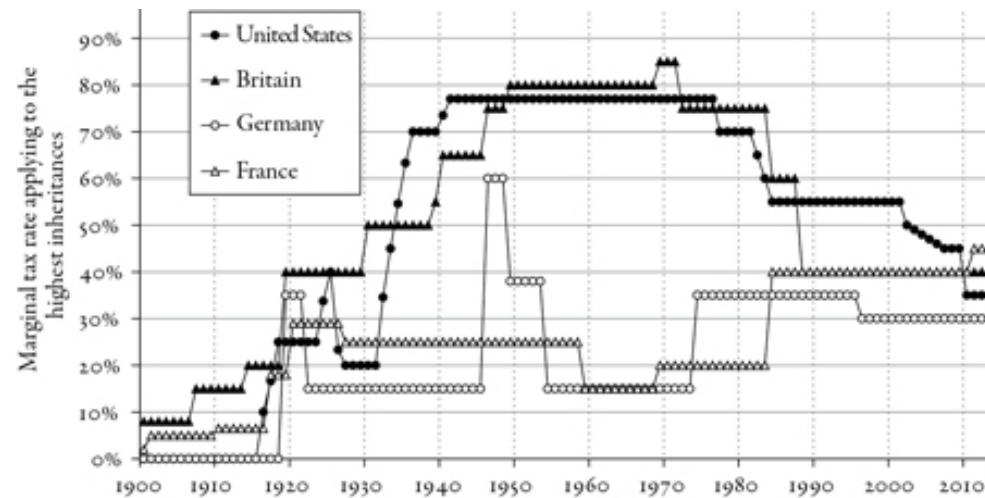


FIGURE 14.2. Top inheritance tax rates, 1900–2013

The top marginal tax rate of the inheritance tax (applying to the highest inheritances) in the United States dropped from 70 percent in 1980 to 35 percent in 2013.

Mythe 3

Ongelijkheid is goed

⊕ OPINIE TOEKOMSTDENKEN

Wat zou de wereld zonder de superrijken zijn?

Laten we extreme rijkdom eens van de andere kant bekijken, schrijft Ive Marx. Met al hun grote ideeën gaat het bij de superrijken verbazend goed vooruit. En ze dienen bovendien als buffer in tijden van crisis.



Ive Marx

Hoogleraar (UAntwerpen) en columnist van deze krant.

Dinsdag 26 december 2023 om 03:00



Maarten Boudry

Filosoof en auteur

Waarom ongelijkheid geen moreel kwaad is (maar armoede wél)

Blog, Media 17 Januari 2023

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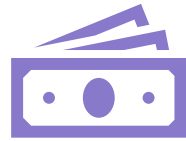
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Of niet? (3)



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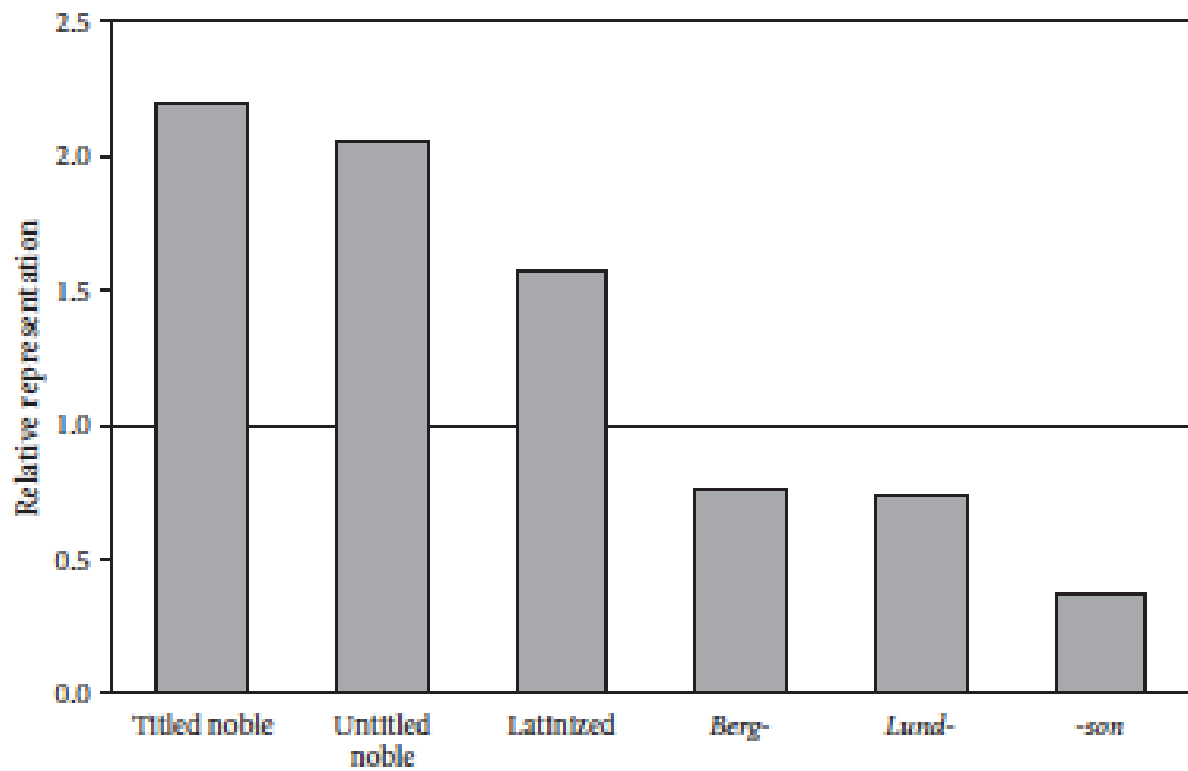


FIGURE 2.11. Relative representation of surname types among registered Swedish physi-

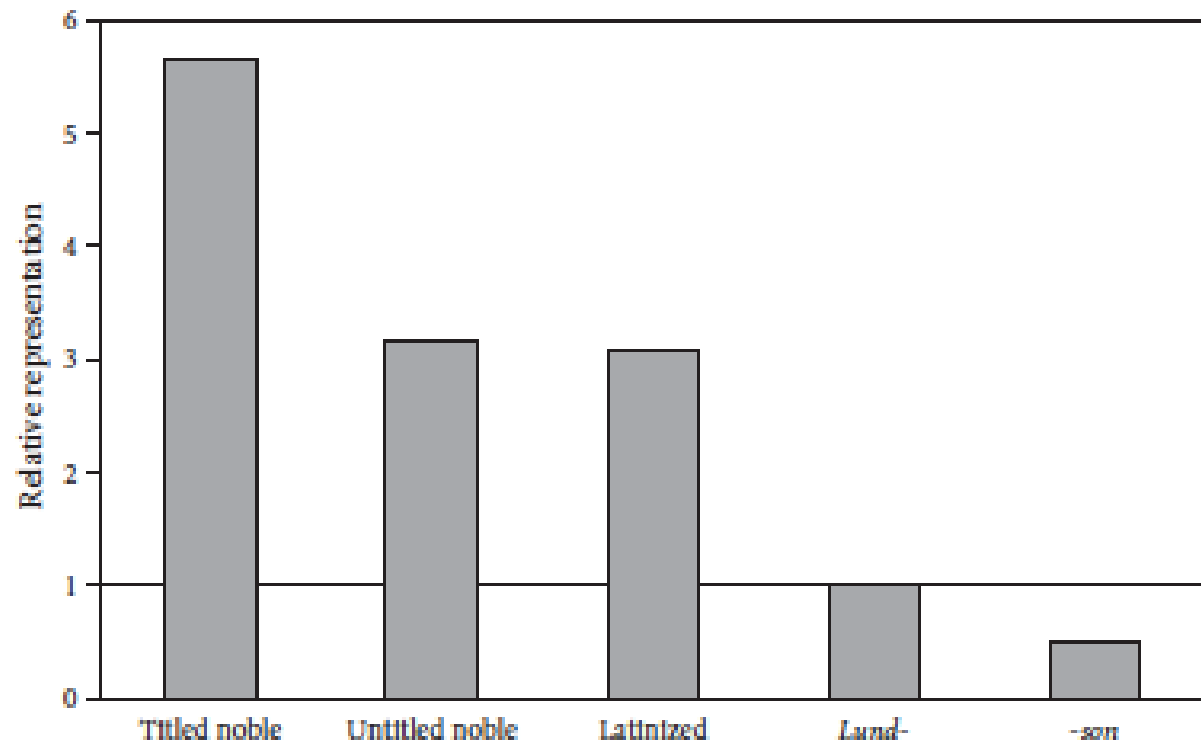
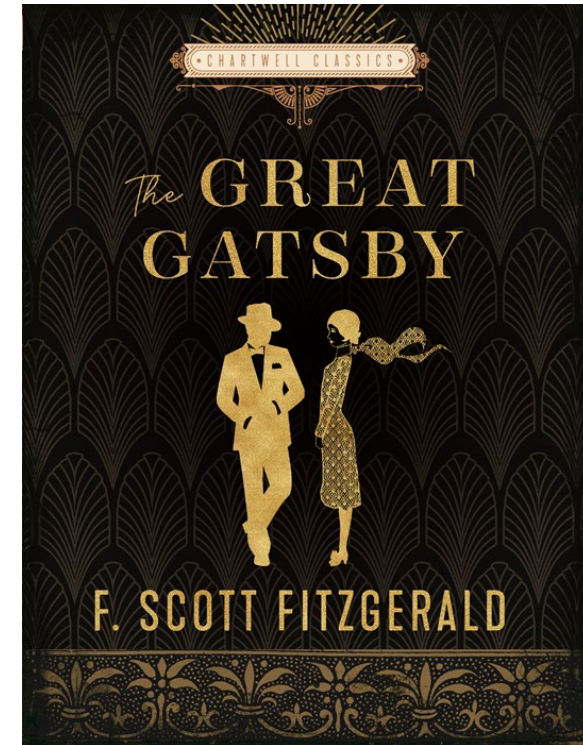
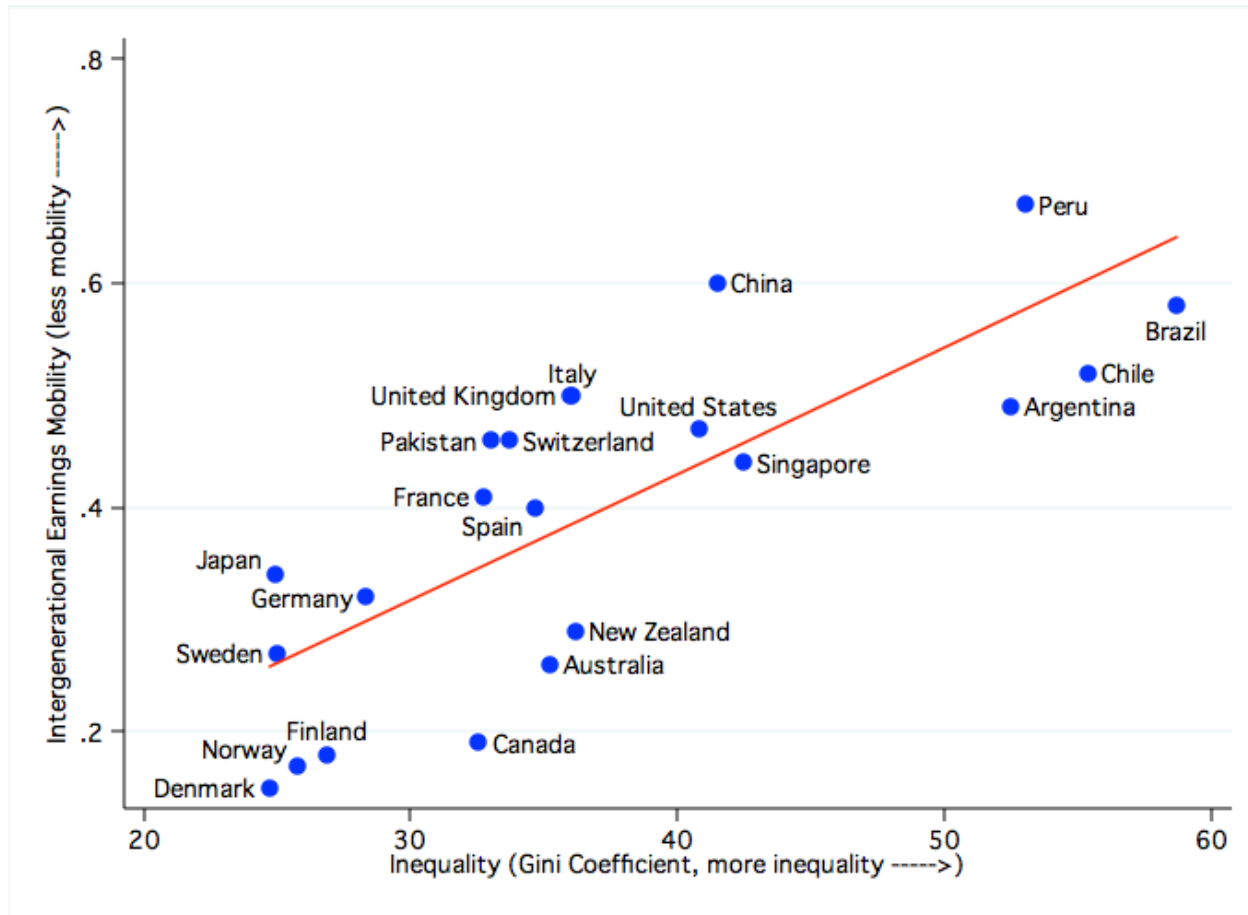
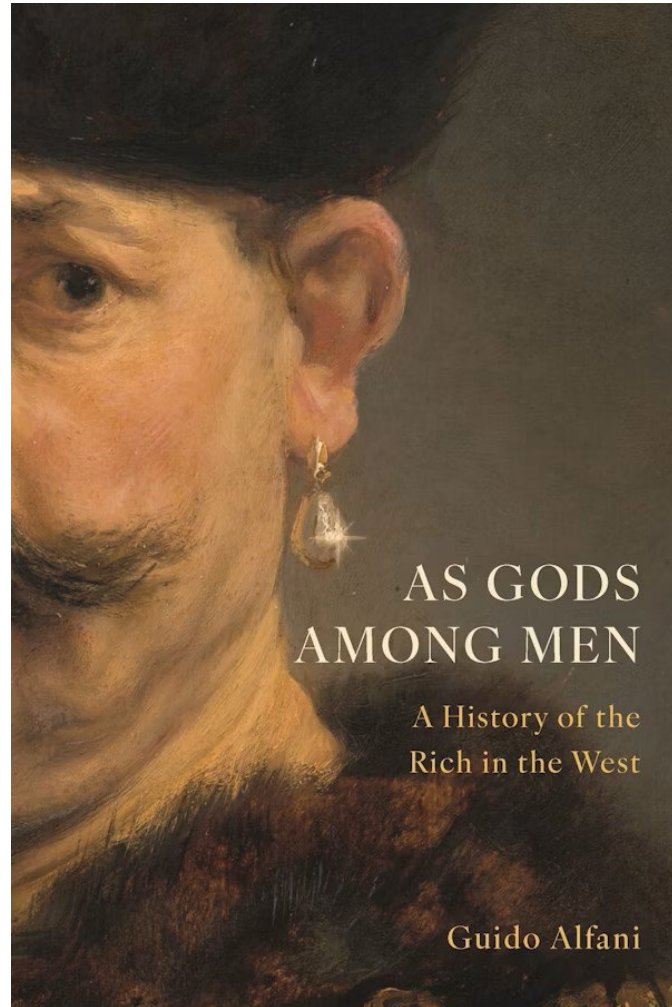


FIGURE 2.9. Relative representation of surname types among attorneys, 2012.



Miles Corak (2012)



Lazarus & Dives, uit het Spinola getijdenboek (Vlaanderen, c. 1510)

Tot slot

- Debatten over ongelijkheid zijn eeuwen oud
- Drie historische mythen rond ongelijkheid
 - Natuurlijk
 - Onvermijdelijk
 - Irrelevant
- Vanuit historisch perspectief genuanceerd te beantwoorden

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