

A LEAP into the past: The renaissance and future of African economic history

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African economic history has attracted a lot of interest over the last decade. New methods, tools and sources are exposing new evidence and new explanations. This is good news. The past can not only help us understand our present circumstances, but past events are also often analogous to the present. But it is equally important that Africans partake in this renaissance. In this talk, I briefly review the current state of the literature, and then discuss steps towards a more inclusive African economic history.

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