WHERE THE TWAIN MEET AGAIN

New results of the Dutch-Russian project on regional development 1750-1917

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The book starts with new results of cohort analyses. The convergence of demographic patterns is confirmed in some contributions, but unfortunately the pattern is not as uniform as one would wish.

Taking the demographic domain as the starting point, we try to explore other domains of society, especially economic and social ones. Once again, this approach reveals that using the same theories, methods, and computer programs leads to highly comparable results.

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