

The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference

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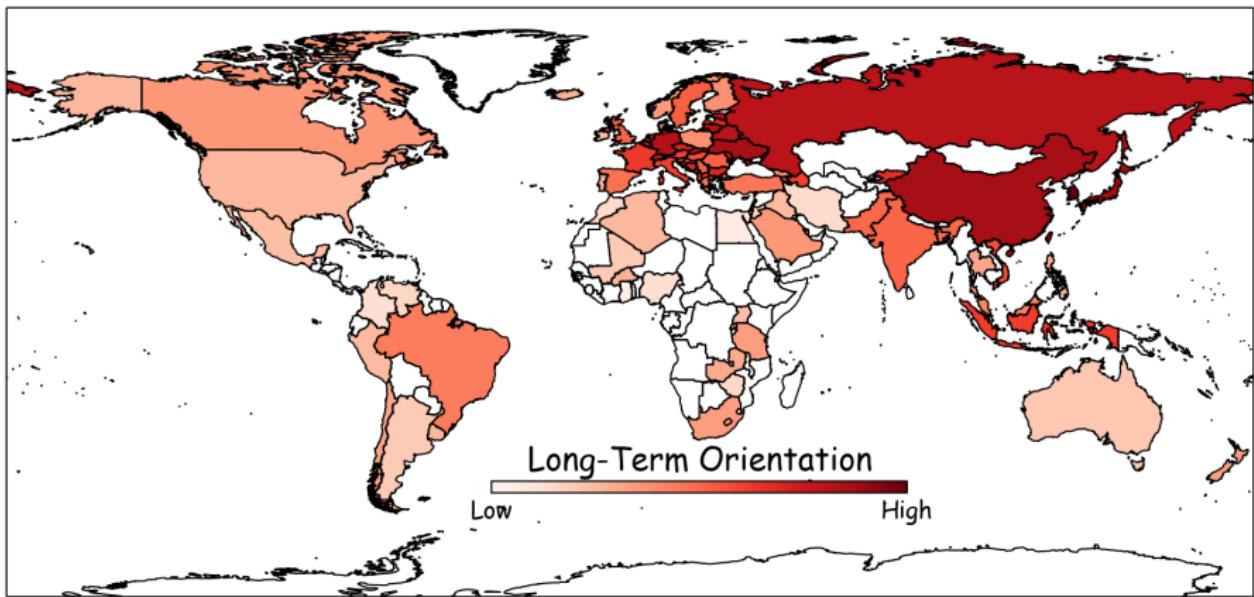
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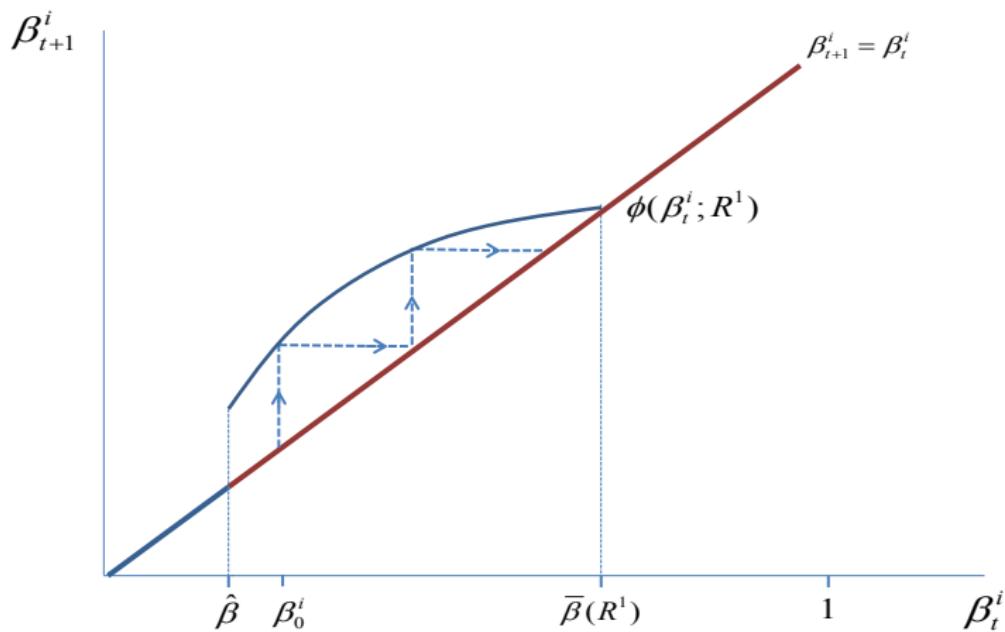
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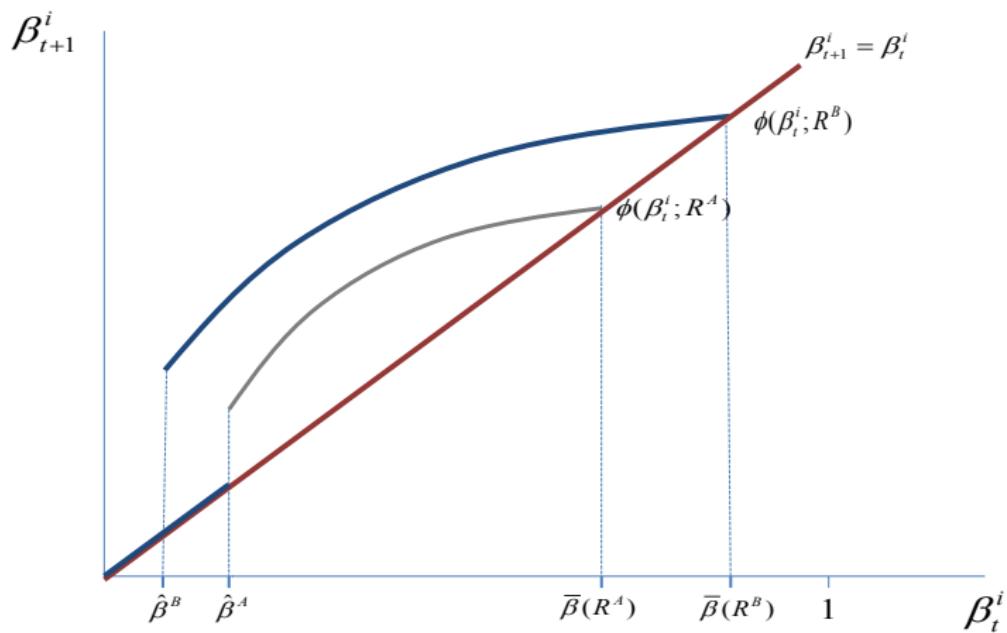
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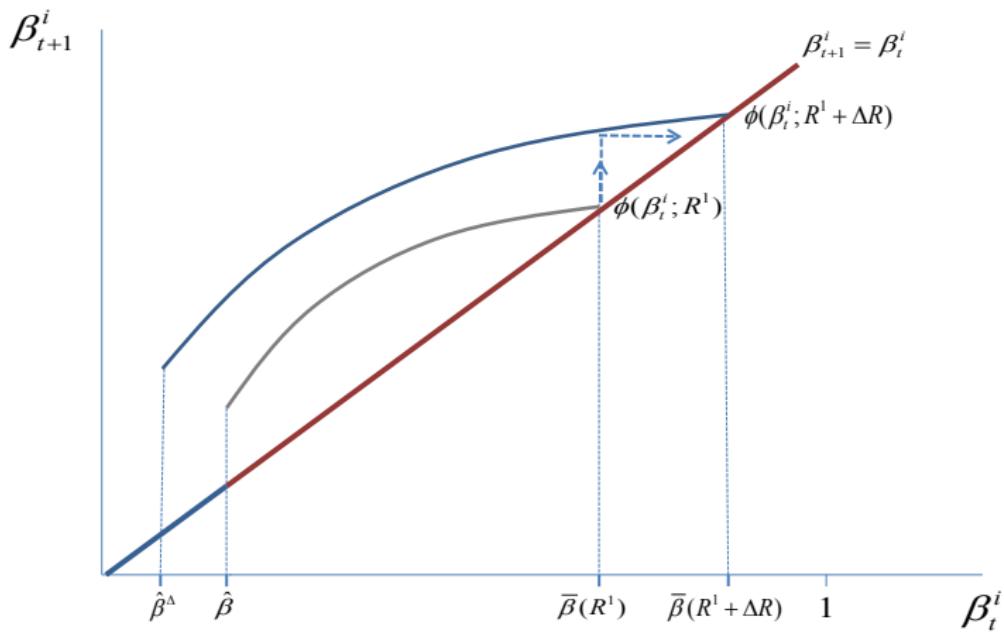
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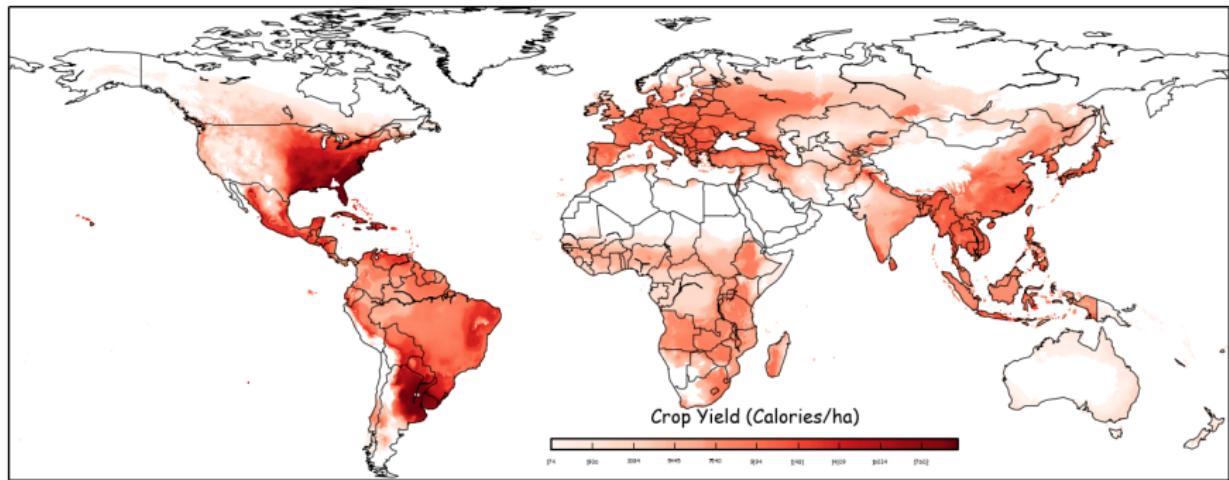
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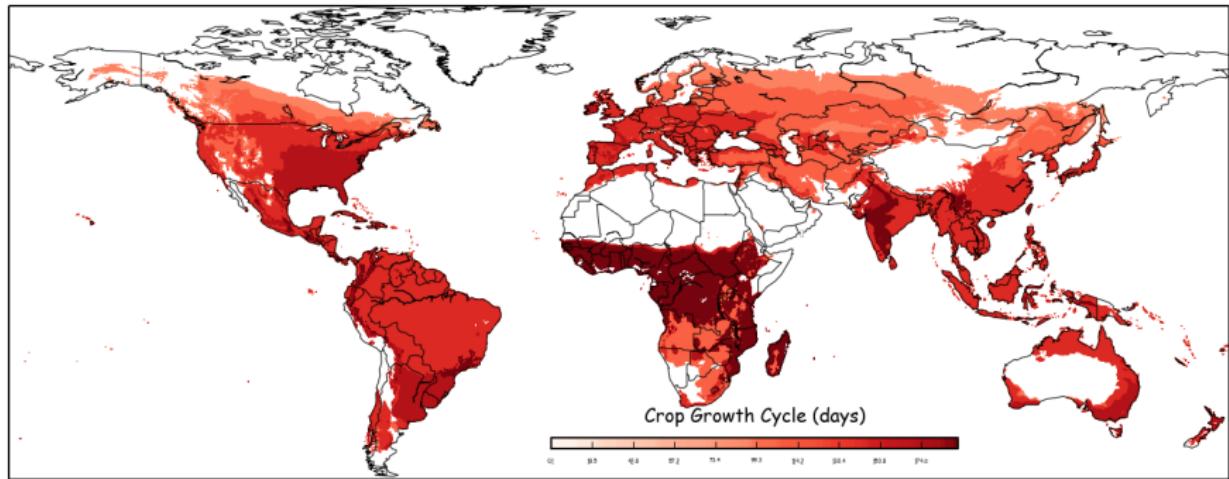
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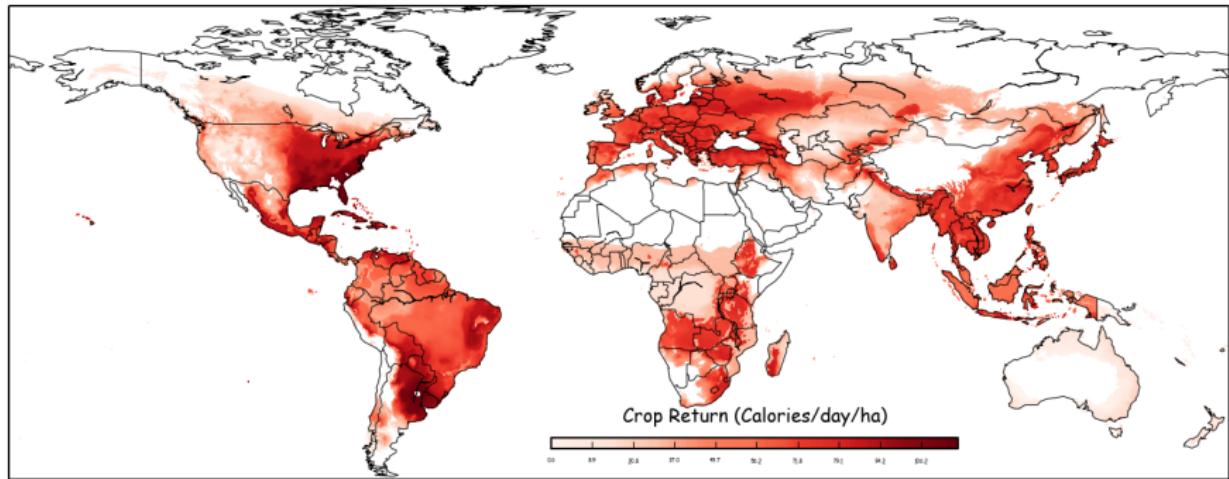
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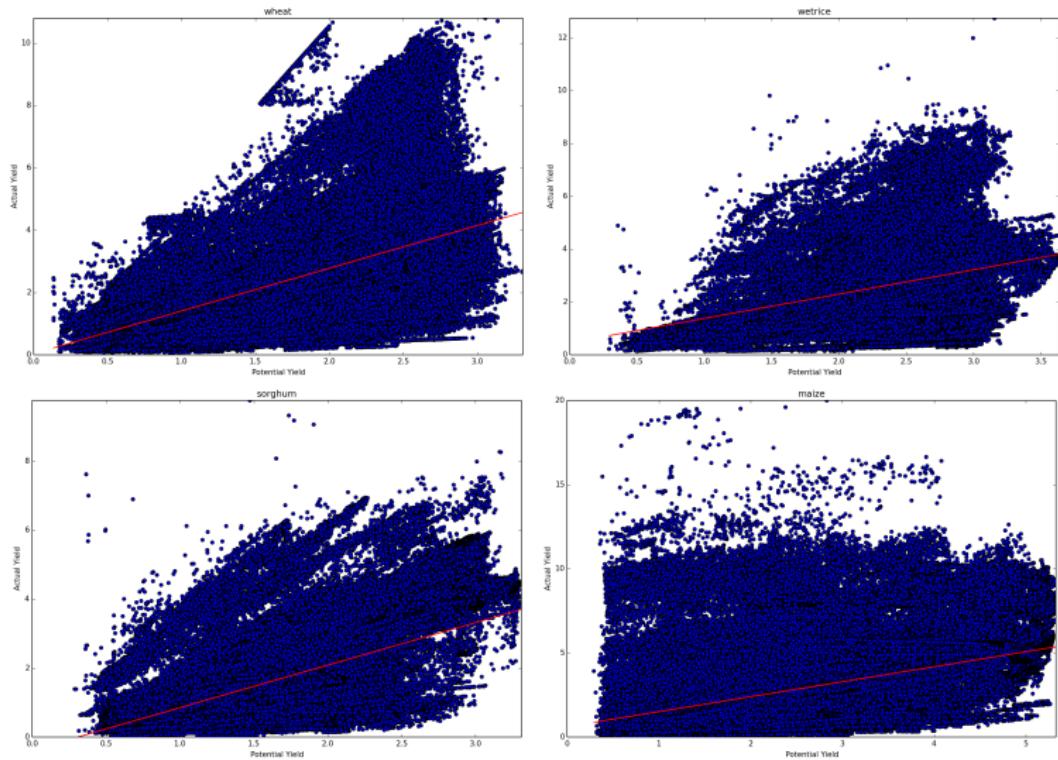


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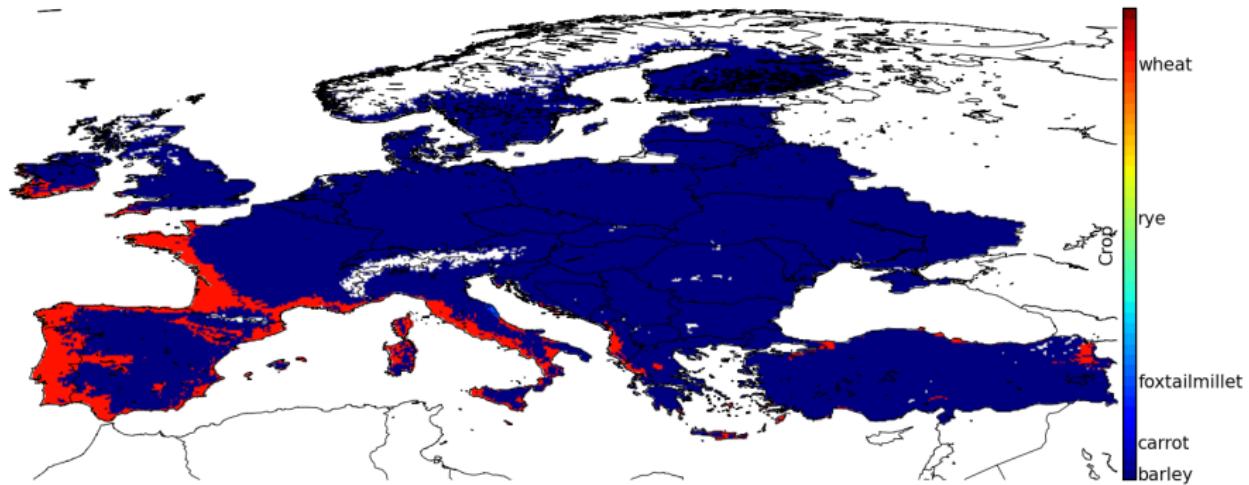
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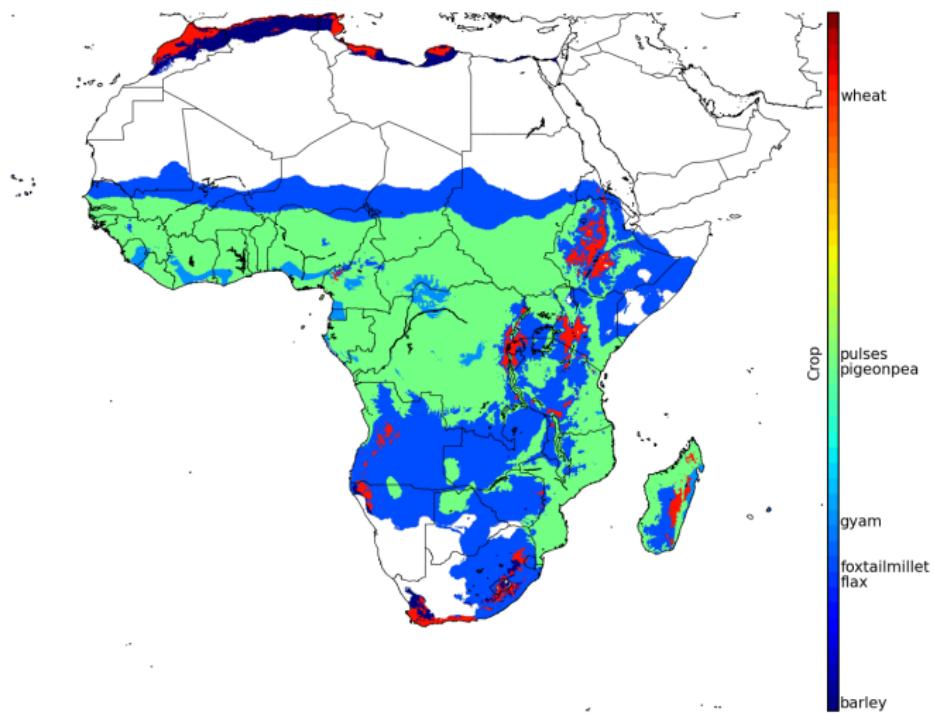


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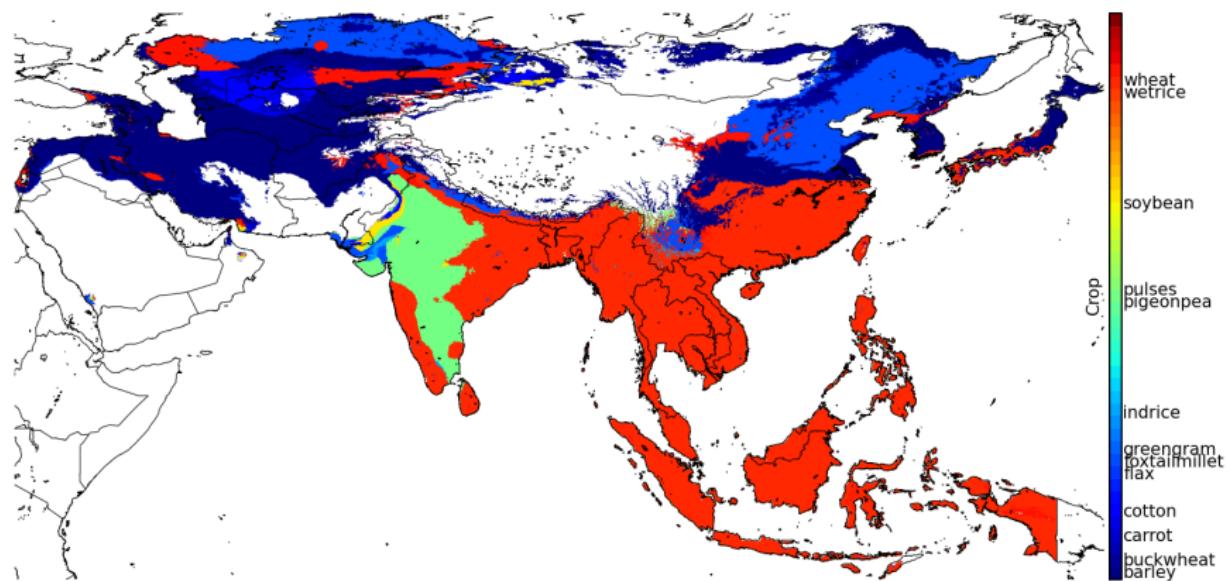
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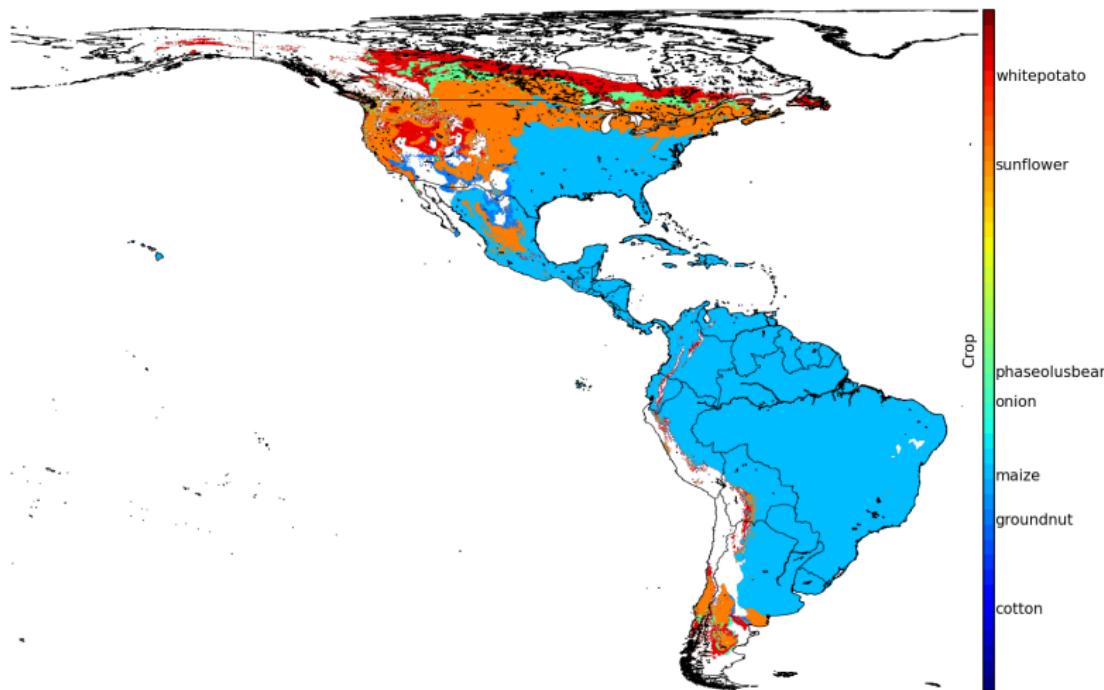
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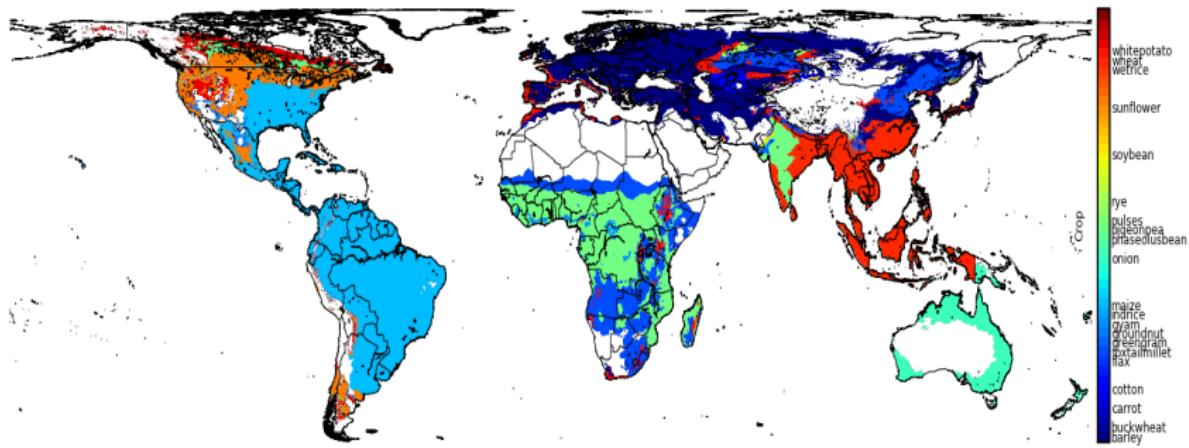
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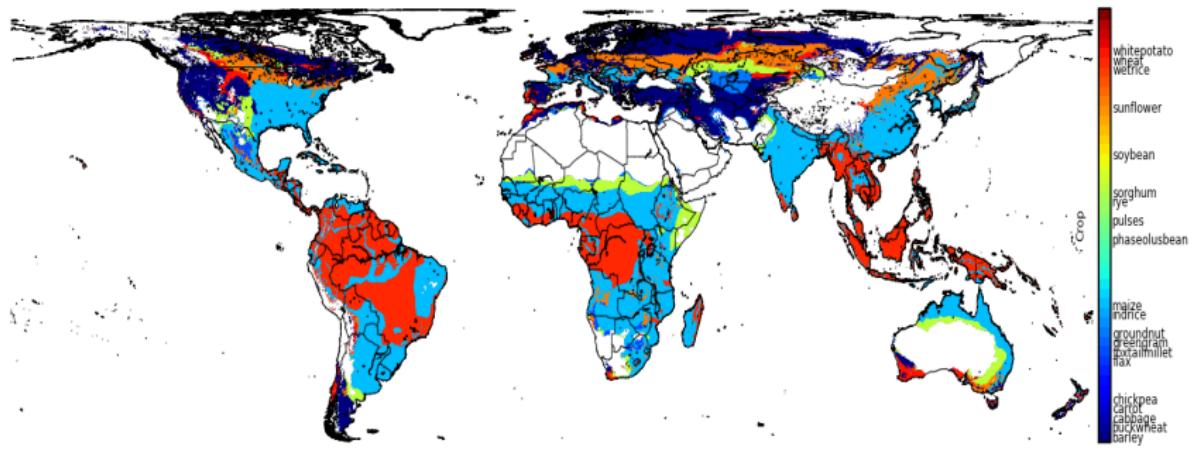


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LTO, Crop Yield, Growth Cycle and Return - Old World

| Region | Crop | Top Crop | | | All Crops | | | LTO |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-----|
| | | Yield | Cycle | Return | Yield | Cycle | Return | |
| Europe | Barley | 8371 | 125 | 68 | 6117 | 112 | 52 | 66 |
| Asia | Rice | 8709 | 139 | 63 | 5973 | 127 | 46 | 64 |
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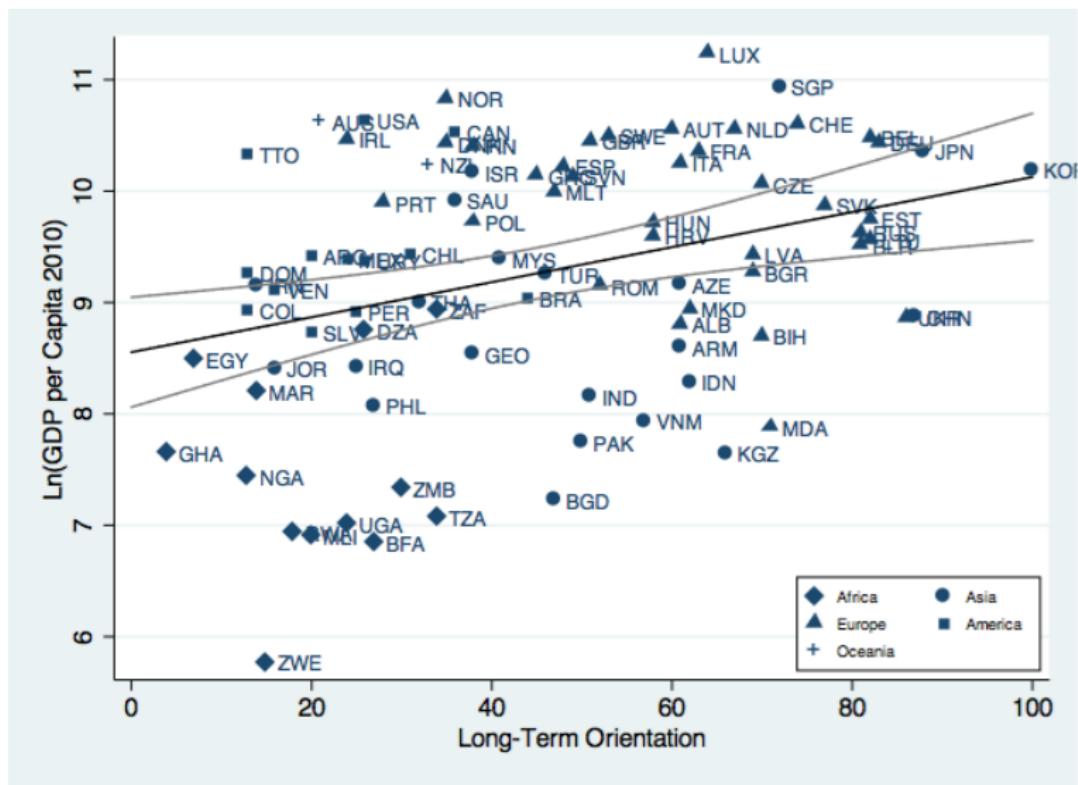
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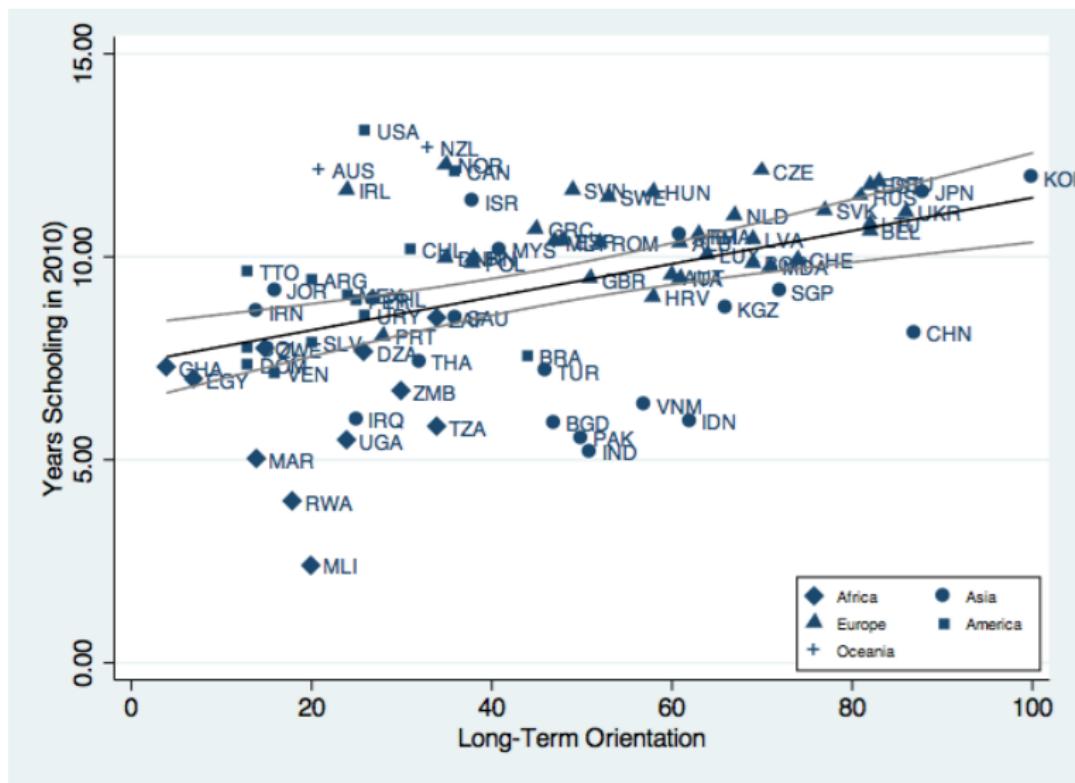
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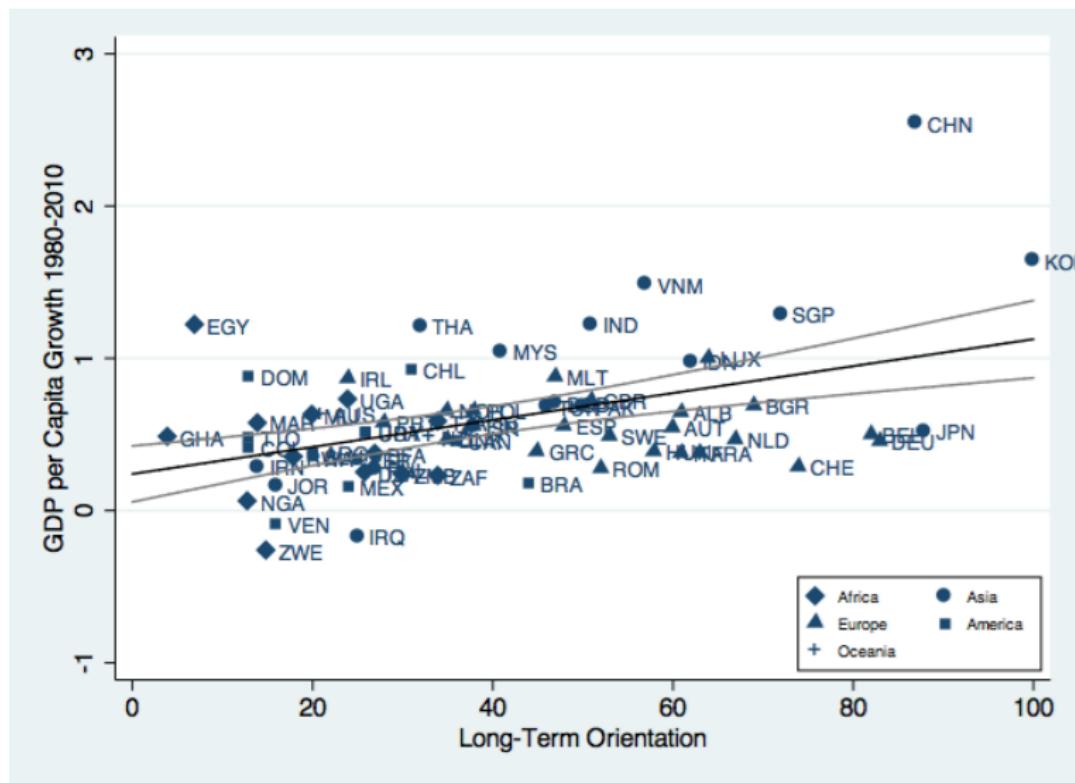
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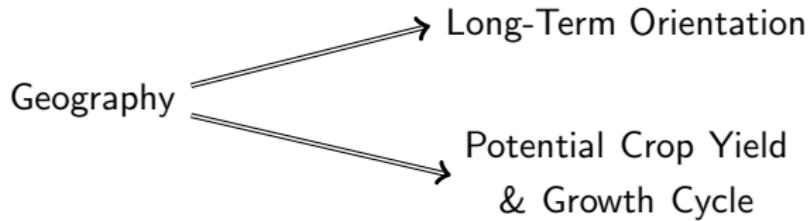
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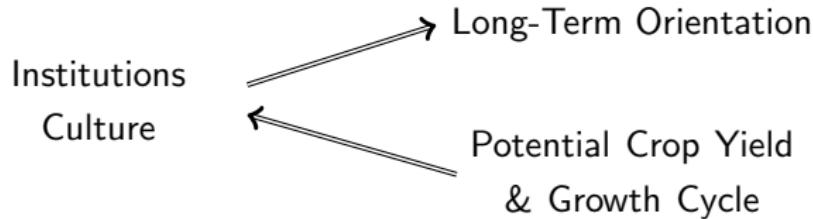
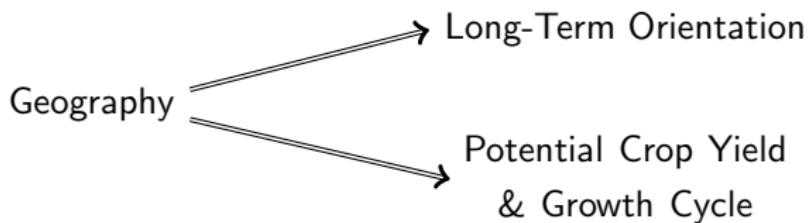
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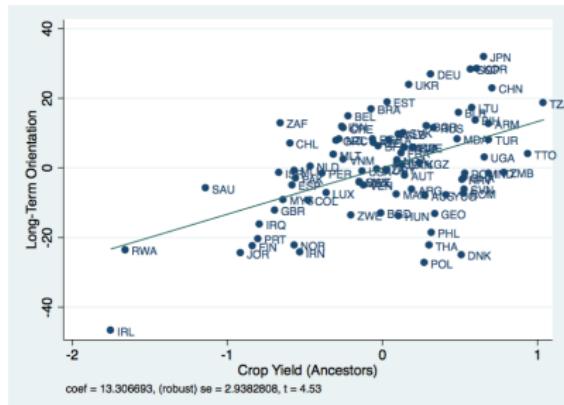
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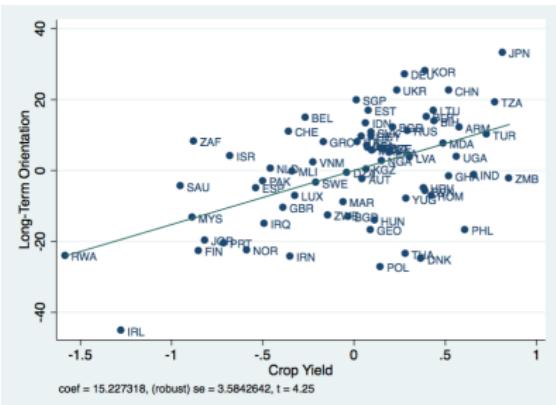
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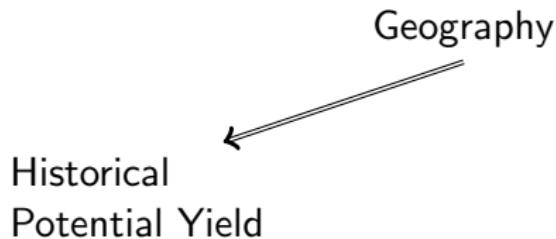
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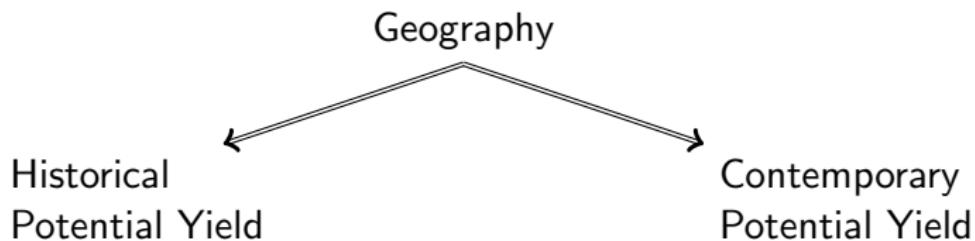
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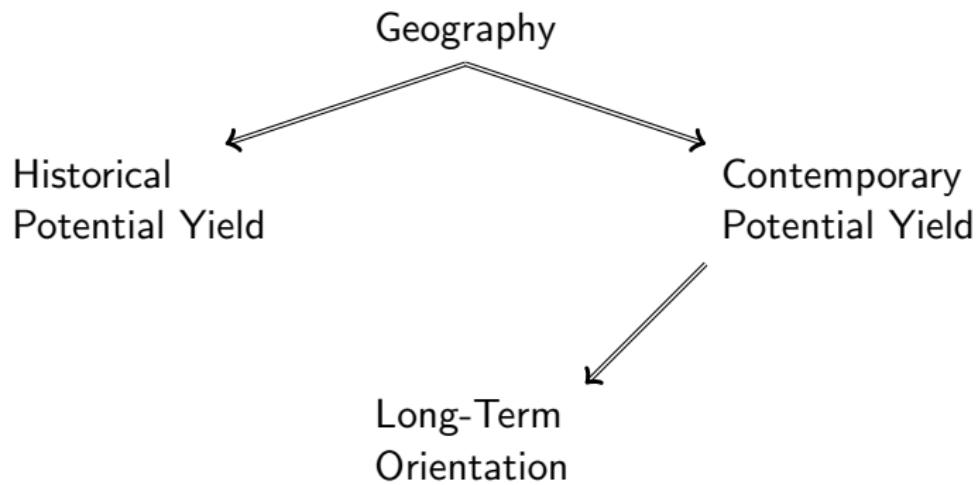
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Pre-1500CE Crop Yield and LTO

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Population Density | | Urbanization | | GDP per capita | | | |
| | 1500CE | | 1500CE | | 1800CE | | 1870CE | 1913CE |
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| Crop Yield (Anc., pre-1500) | 11.05*** (2.53) | 11.52*** (2.33) | 10.01*** (3.68) | 11.08*** (3.68) | 11.54*** (3.18) | 11.54*** (3.22) | 14.19*** (5.08) | 12.66** (5.02) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 10.76*** (2.89) | 10.40*** (2.78) | 8.77** (3.35) | 9.96*** (3.35) | 10.05*** (3.23) | 10.22*** (3.23) | 15.55*** (3.22) | 14.92*** (3.29) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Anc., pre-1500) | -8.06* (4.06) | -10.43*** (3.63) | -5.06 (5.28) | -7.30 (5.37) | -8.60* (4.68) | -8.75* (4.84) | -12.58* (6.44) | -10.28 (6.46) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (post-1500) | -0.46 (1.72) | -1.06 (1.84) | 1.06 (2.91) | 0.55 (2.95) | 0.07 (2.37) | 0.03 (2.41) | 2.14 (3.38) | 3.31 (3.35) |
| Population density in 1500 CE | 3.76** (1.86) | | | | | | | |
| Urbanization rate in 1500 CE | | | | 1.90 (2.24) | | | | |
| Urbanization rate in 1800 CE | | | | | | -0.57 (1.22) | | |
| GDP per capita 1870 | | | | | | | 10.57*** (3.65) | |
| GDP per capita 1913 | | | | | | | | 10.99*** (3.53) |
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| Crop Growth Cycle (Anc., pre-1500) | 0.02* | 0.03*** | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02* | 0.02* | 0.04* | 0.03 |
| Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (post-1500) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Population density in 1500 CE | 0.01** | | | | | | | |
| Urbanization rate in 1500 CE | | | | 0.00 | | | | |
| Urbanization rate in 1800 CE | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| GDPpc 1870 | | | | | | 0.05*** | | |
| GDPpc 1913 | | | | | | | 0.05*** | |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geography & Neolithic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted-R ² | 0.65 | 0.67 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.63 | 0.62 | 0.59 | 0.59 |
| Observations | 87 | 87 | 65 | 65 | 79 | 79 | 50 | 50 |

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| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | -0.90 (1.62) | -0.96 (1.68) | -1.16 (1.76) | -1.30 (1.69) | -1.40 (1.66) | -1.63 (1.61) | -1.09 (1.62) | -0.86 (1.72) | -0.97 (1.70) |
| Land Suitability | 0.83 (2.07) | | | | | | | | |
| Land Suitability (Ancestors) | | 2.34 (3.20) | | | | | | | |
| Plow | | | | 1.62 (3.17) | | | | | |
| Plow (Ancestors) | | | | | 3.35 (3.92) | | | | |
| Strong FTR | | | | | | -3.68** (1.68) | | | |
| Strong FTR (Ancestors) | | | | | | | -2.59 (1.76) | | |
| | Semi-Partial R^2 | | | | | | | | |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.07*** | 0.05*** | 0.03*** | 0.08*** | 0.08*** | 0.08*** | 0.08*** | 0.09*** | 0.09*** |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 0.05*** | 0.05*** | 0.04*** | 0.05*** | 0.05*** | 0.05*** | 0.04*** | 0.03*** | 0.04*** |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.01* | 0.01* | 0.02* | 0.03** | 0.03** | 0.03*** | 0.03*** | 0.02** | 0.02** |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Land Suitability | 0.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Land Suitability (Ancestors) | | 0.00 | | | | | | | |
| Plow | | | | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Plow (Ancestors) | | | | | 0.00 | | | | |
| Strong FTR | | | | | | 0.02** | | | |
| Strong FTR (Ancestors) | | | | | | | 0.01 | | |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geography & Neolithic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.72 | 0.70 |
| Observations | 85 | 85 | 85 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 71 | 71 | 71 |

Excluding Other Cultural Channels

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Potential concern:

Excluding Other Cultural Channels

Long-Term Orientation is correlated with other cultural traits.

Potential concern:

- Potential yield determines other cultural traits

Excluding Other Cultural Channels

Long-Term Orientation is correlated with other cultural traits.

Potential concern:

- Potential yield determines other cultural traits
- Other cultural traits determine LTO

Excluding Other Cultural Channels

Corr

| | Cultural Indices | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | Long-Term Orientation | Restraint vs Indulgence | Trust | Indivi- dualism | Power Distance | Coope- ration | Uncertainty Avoidance |
| | | | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 10.03*** (3.05) | 6.58 (3.99) | -7.11* (3.72) | -10.88 (6.59) | 6.69 (5.92) | -7.60 (5.98) | 3.03 (5.55) |
| Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500) | 9.03*** (2.16) | 7.91** (3.10) | -0.53 (3.48) | -3.05 (2.62) | 2.50 (2.18) | -1.51 (2.23) | -0.39 (2.21) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -5.98** (2.75) | -4.59 (3.57) | 0.35 (3.47) | 2.20 (3.82) | -2.50 (4.11) | 3.50 (4.15) | 4.06 (4.33) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500) | -0.77 (1.60) | 2.02 (2.42) | 1.96 (2.09) | -3.72 (3.18) | -0.89 (2.90) | 3.00 (2.51) | -0.05 (3.24) |
| Land Suitability (Ancestors) | 2.33 (3.15) | 0.91 (4.86) | -6.17 (5.10) | 6.94 (4.99) | 7.75* (4.22) | 12.54*** (3.91) | 6.08 (3.98) |
| Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors) | -7.58** (3.04) | -0.19 (4.62) | 0.56 (4.09) | -0.60 (3.32) | -2.13 (4.40) | 1.22 (5.85) | -8.88** (3.77) |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All Geographical Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.68 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.68 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.60 |
| Observations | 85 | 83 | 83 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

Excluding Other Cultural Channels

| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 10.03*** (3.05) | 9.38*** (3.21) | 10.30*** (3.41) | 13.54** (6.49) | 11.47* (6.78) | 12.76* (6.78) | 11.17* (6.53) |
| Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500) | 9.03*** (2.16) | 8.55*** (2.53) | 8.97*** (2.23) | 7.45*** (2.47) | 6.88** (2.63) | 7.11*** (2.53) | 6.84*** (2.50) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -5.98** (2.75) | -5.71* (3.08) | -6.05** (2.76) | -5.53 (4.88) | -5.14 (5.32) | -5.75 (5.14) | -5.29 (4.89) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500) | -0.77 (1.60) | -0.88 (1.71) | -0.71 (1.84) | 0.17 (3.11) | -0.61 (3.11) | -1.16 (3.20) | -0.59 (3.03) |
| Restraint vs. Indulgence | | 2.18 (2.22) | | | | | |
| Trust | | | 0.63 (3.10) | | | | |
| Individualism | | | | 4.80 (3.96) | | | |
| Power Distance | | | | | -0.45 (3.90) | | |
| Cooperation | | | | | | 3.95 (4.20) | |
| Uncertainty Avoidance | | | | | | | 1.18 (6.06) |
| Land Suitability (Ancestors) | 2.33 (3.15) | 2.30 (3.30) | 2.35 (3.51) | -2.71 (4.93) | -1.13 (4.76) | -3.67 (5.54) | -1.61 (5.32) |
| Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors) | -7.58** (3.04) | -7.49** (3.05) | -7.51** (3.14) | -7.86 (5.32) | -8.03 (5.34) | -8.22 (5.07) | -7.53 (5.91) |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All Geographical Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.59 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| Observations | 85 | 83 | 83 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

Robustness

- Including Cells with Zero Caloric Output [Table Zeroes](#)

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- Including Cells with Zero Caloric Output [Table Zeroes](#)
- Daily Return [Table Daily](#)

Robustness

- Including Cells with Zero Caloric Output [Table Zeroes](#)
- Daily Return [Table Daily](#)
- Trade [Table Trade](#)

Robustness

- Including Cells with Zero Caloric Output [Table Zeroes](#)
- Daily Return [Table Daily](#)
- Trade [Table Trade](#)
- Population Age Structure

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- Daily Return [Table Daily](#)
- Trade [Table Trade](#)
- Population Age Structure
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- Daily Return [Table Daily](#)
- Trade [Table Trade](#)
- Population Age Structure
- Life-Expectancy [Table Age](#)
- Current Income

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- Population Age Structure
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- Climatic Variability [Table Climatic](#)

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- Omitted Variable Bias (Altonji, Elder, and Taber, 2005; Bellows and Miguel, 2009; Oster, 2014) [Table AET](#) [Table AET Changes](#)

Crop Yield, LTO and Technological Adoption

| | Major Technological Changes (Probit) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | |
| Crop Yield (pre-1500) | 0.10** (0.05) | 0.13** (0.05) | 0.15*** (0.05) | 0.17** (0.06) | 0.30*** (0.05) | 0.29*** (0.06) | |
| Crop Yield Ch. (post-1500) | | | 0.06 (0.05) | 0.09* (0.05) | 0.16*** (0.04) | 0.21*** (0.06) | |
| Crop Cycle (pre-1500) | | | | -0.13 (0.08) | -0.22*** (0.08) | -0.21** (0.09) | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (post-1500) | | | | | -0.12* (0.06) | -0.23*** (0.06) | -0.19*** (0.07) |
| Geographical Controls | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Language Family FE | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | |
| Continental FE | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | |
| Pseudo- R^2 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.43 | 0.45 | |
| Observations | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | |

Crop Yield, LTO and Education

| | Years of Schooling in 2005 | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.93*** (0.24) | 0.90*** (0.30) | 0.90*** (0.24) | 0.90*** (0.29) | 0.84*** (0.23) | 0.88*** (0.28) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -0.08 (0.20) | -0.05 (0.23) | -0.04 (0.19) | -0.04 (0.23) | 0.03 (0.24) | 0.03 (0.32) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | -0.05 (0.27) | | 0.02 (0.26) | | 0.09 (0.34) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | 0.00 (0.16) | | 0.02 (0.16) | | 0.08 (0.17) |
| Geographical Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Timing of Neolithic | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Continental FE | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.52 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| Observations | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |

Second Generation Migrants Analysis

Data

Analysis of 2nd generation migrants:

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Data

Analysis of 2nd generation migrants:

- Accounts for host country FEs
(geography, institutions, culture)

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Second Generation Migrants Analysis

Data

Analysis of 2nd generation migrants:

- Accounts for host country FEs
(geography, institutions, culture)
- Accounts for individual characteristics
(e.g., age, gender, education, etc.)
- Focus on portable component of the effect of crop yield

Correlations: Long-Term Orientation and Education

| | Years of Schooling | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Second Generation Migrants | | | | All Individuals | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Long-Term Orientation | 0.35*** (0.13) | 0.37*** (0.14) | 0.36** (0.14) | 0.32** (0.13) | 0.79*** (0.05) | 0.88*** (0.05) | 0.70*** (0.05) | 0.63*** (0.04) |
| Country FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sex & Age | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Pray & Health | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.01 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.21 |
| R^2 | 0.01 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.21 |
| Observations | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 42016 | 42016 | 42016 | 42016 |

Income

Empirical Specification

$$\begin{aligned} LTO_{ic} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{crop yield}_{ip} + \beta_2 \text{crop growth cycle}_{ip} \\ & + \sum_j \gamma_{0j} X_{ipj} + \gamma_1 YST_{ip} + \sum_j \gamma_{2j} Y_{ij} + \delta_c \Delta_i + \epsilon_i, \end{aligned}$$

- LTO_{ic} \equiv Long-Term Orientation of individual i in country c
- X_{ipj} \equiv Geographical controls in parent's country of origin
- YST_{ip} \equiv Years since transition to agriculture in parent's country of origin
- Y_{ij} \equiv Individual controls (age, sex, education, marital status, health status, religiosity)
- Δ_i \equiv Host country fixed effects

Crop Yield and Long-Term Orientation in Second Generation Migrants

| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Either Parent | | Mother | | Father | | Both | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 2.29*** (0.80) | 2.61*** (0.97) | 2.99*** (1.10) | 3.44*** (1.30) | 2.70** (1.04) | 3.34*** (1.13) | 5.63** (2.43) | 6.11** (2.54) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 0.52 (0.65) | 0.65 (0.61) | 0.32 (0.71) | 0.87 (0.77) | 0.57 (0.85) | 0.52 (0.89) | 1.83 (1.29) | 2.15 (1.76) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -0.82 (1.00) | | -1.17 (1.56) | | -1.84 (1.32) | | | -2.07 (2.54) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | -0.10 (0.63) | | -0.92 (0.68) | | 0.48 (0.78) | | | -0.07 (1.33) |
| Country FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Individual Characteristics | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All Geographical Controls & Neolithic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Observations | 2584 | 2584 | 1596 | 1596 | 1686 | 1686 | 568 | 568 |

Crop Yield and Saving in Second Generation Migrants

| | Saving | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Either Parent | | Mother | | Father | | Both | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.04** (0.02) | 0.06** (0.03) | 0.04* (0.02) | 0.06** (0.03) | 0.05** (0.02) | 0.07** (0.03) | 0.02 (0.03) | 0.03 (0.03) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 0.03* (0.01) | 0.04** (0.02) | 0.04*** (0.01) | 0.04** (0.02) | 0.02 (0.02) | 0.04** (0.02) | 0.08*** (0.02) | 0.07** (0.03) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -0.04 (0.03) | | -0.03 (0.04) | | -0.05 (0.04) | | | -0.03 (0.04) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | -0.01 (0.02) | | 0.00 (0.01) | | -0.02 (0.02) | | | 0.02 (0.02) |
| Country FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Individual Characteristics | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geography & Neolithic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
| Observations | 2559 | 2559 | 1582 | 1582 | 1665 | 1665 | 562 | 562 |

Crop Yield and Smoking in Second Generation Migrants

| | Smoking | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Either Parent | | | | | Both | | |
| | Habit | | | | | Ever | Habit | Ever |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -0.02** (0.01) | -0.02*** (0.01) | -0.02** (0.01) | -0.03** (0.01) | -0.04*** (0.02) | -0.08*** (0.02) | -0.05*** (0.02) | -0.13*** (0.03) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | | -0.02** (0.01) | -0.00 (0.01) | -0.00 (0.02) | 0.06 (0.04) | -0.01 (0.03) | -0.02 (0.03) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | | | | 0.02 (0.01) | 0.04** (0.02) | 0.02 (0.02) | 0.02 (0.03) | 0.10*** (0.03) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | | | | -0.00 (0.02) | 0.00 (0.04) | -0.00 (0.03) | 0.04* (0.03) |
| Individual Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Region FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geographical Controls & Neolithic | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.15 |
| Observations | 1561 | 1561 | 1561 | 1561 | 1561 | 935 | 817 | 496 |

Individual-Level Analysis (WVS)

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- Country FE
(geography, institutions, culture)

Empirical Specification

$$\begin{aligned} LTO_{ircw} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{crop yield}_{rc} + \beta_2 \text{crop growth cycle}_{rc} \\ & + \sum_j \gamma_{0j} X_{rc} + \gamma_1 YST_{rc} + \sum_j \gamma_{2j} Y_{ircwj} + \delta_{cw} \Delta_{cw} + \epsilon_{ircw} \end{aligned}$$

- $LTO_{ircw} \equiv$ Long-Term Orientation of individual i in region r of country c in wave w
- $X_{rc} \equiv$ Geographical controls in region r of country c
- $YST_{rc} \equiv$ Years since transition to agriculture in region r of country c
- $Y_{ircwj} \equiv$ Individual controls (age, sex, education, income)
- $\Delta_{cw} \equiv$ Continent/Country and Wave fixed effects

Crop Yield and Long-Term Orientation (WVS)

Robustness

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Robustness

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- Cells that experienced change in crop post-1500 [Table](#)
- Weighted Observations [Table](#)

Robustness

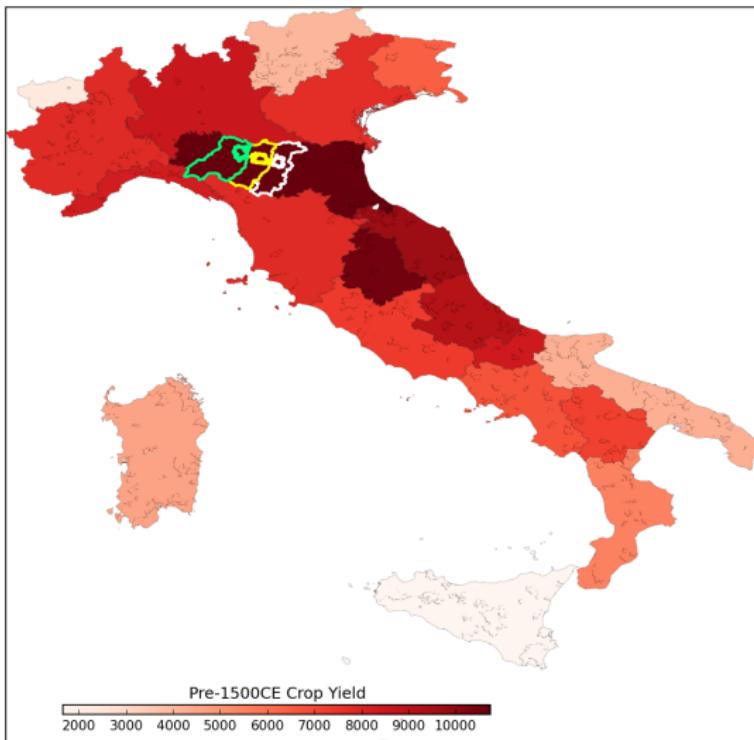
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- Estimation method [Probit](#)
- Cells that experienced change in crop post-1500 [Table](#)
- Weighted Observations [Table](#)
- Country Fixed Effects [Table](#)

Regional Analysis

| Share of Individuals in WVS Region with Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Whole World | | | | | | | | Old World | | | |
| | Unweighted | | | | Weighted: Area | | | | Weighted: Area Share | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Crop Yield | 0.049*** (0.012) | 0.046*** (0.013) | 0.053*** (0.017) | | 0.097*** (0.033) | | 0.032** (0.012) | | 0.031** (0.013) | | 0.039*** (0.015) | 0.032** (0.013) |
| Crop Growth Cycle | | -0.010 (0.012) | | -0.047** (0.021) | | -0.024** (0.010) | | -0.036*** (0.009) | | -0.027*** (0.009) | -0.027*** (0.008) | -0.036*** (0.008) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors) | | | 0.077*** (0.020) | | 0.133*** (0.032) | | 0.043** (0.017) | | 0.041** (0.017) | | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Anc.) | | | -0.012 (0.013) | | -0.050*** (0.018) | | -0.027*** (0.009) | | -0.037*** (0.009) | | | |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Country FE | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geographical Controls | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Weighted by Region Area | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No |
| Weighted by Region's Share | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.37 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.72 | 0.86 |
| Observations | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1356 | 1143 | 1143 |

Crop Yield and the Adoption of Lengthy Production Processes: Aceto Balsamico and Parmigiano Reggiano



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 - ⇒ Education
 - ⇒ Saving
 - ⇒ Smoking

Concluding Remarks

- Co-evolution of human traits and the economic environment is central for the understanding of comparative development
- Variations in natural pre-industrial agricultural productivity across regions
 - ⇒ persistent effect on the distribution of time preference across the globe
 - ⇒ Education
 - ⇒ Saving
 - ⇒ Smoking
 - ⇒ Technological Adoption

The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference

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"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."

– Aristotle

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- Per capita output

$$\frac{Y_t^E}{L_t^E} = \frac{R^0(L_t^E)^\alpha(L_t^E)^{(1-\alpha)}X^\alpha}{L_t^E} = R^0X^\alpha$$

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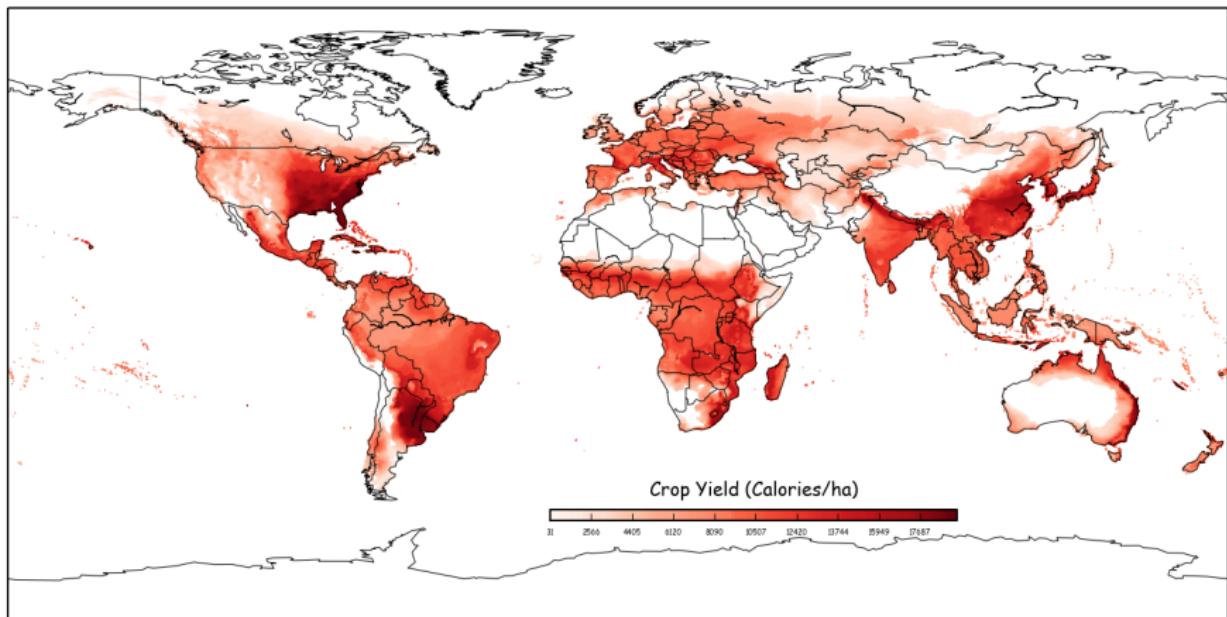
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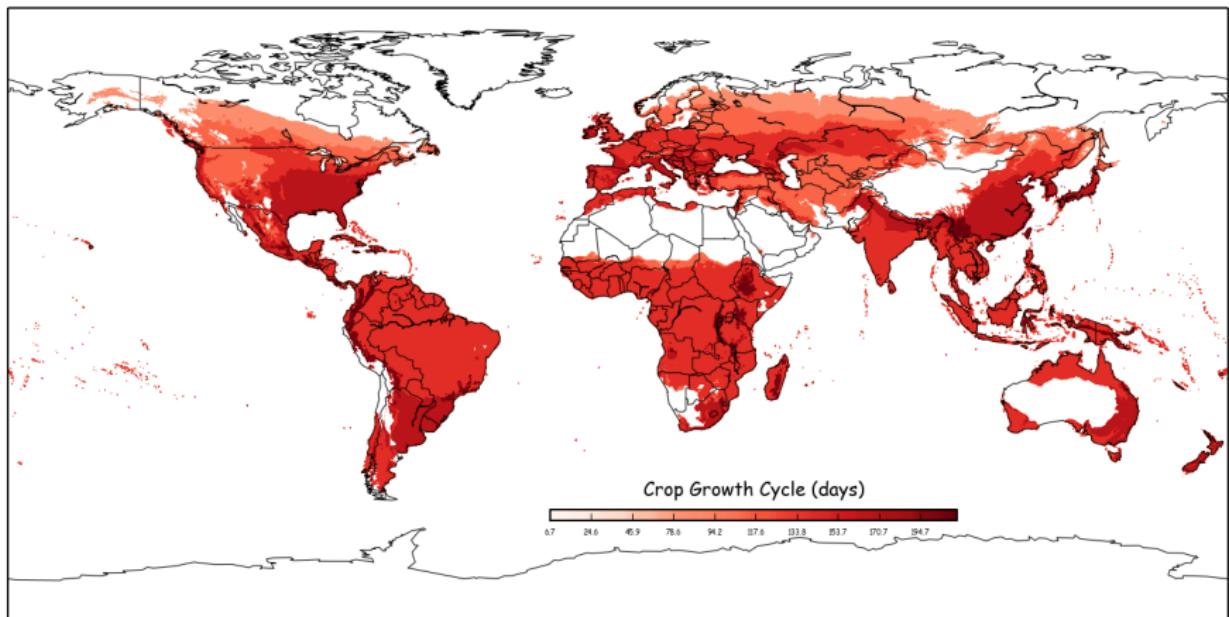
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Potential Crop Yield post-1500CE

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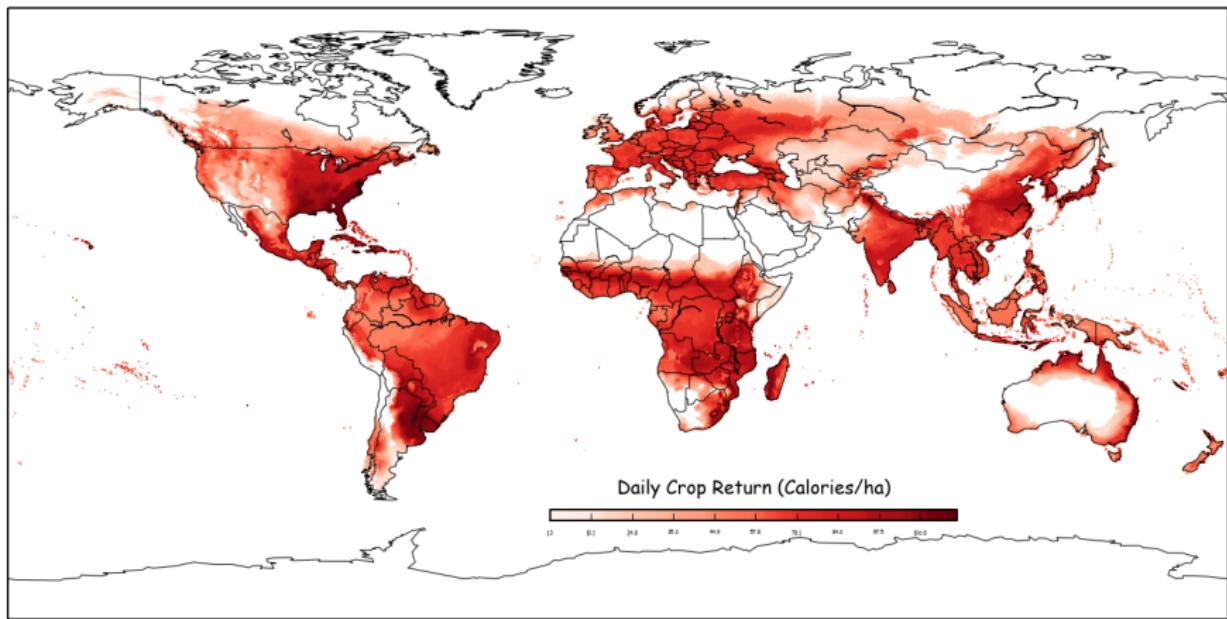
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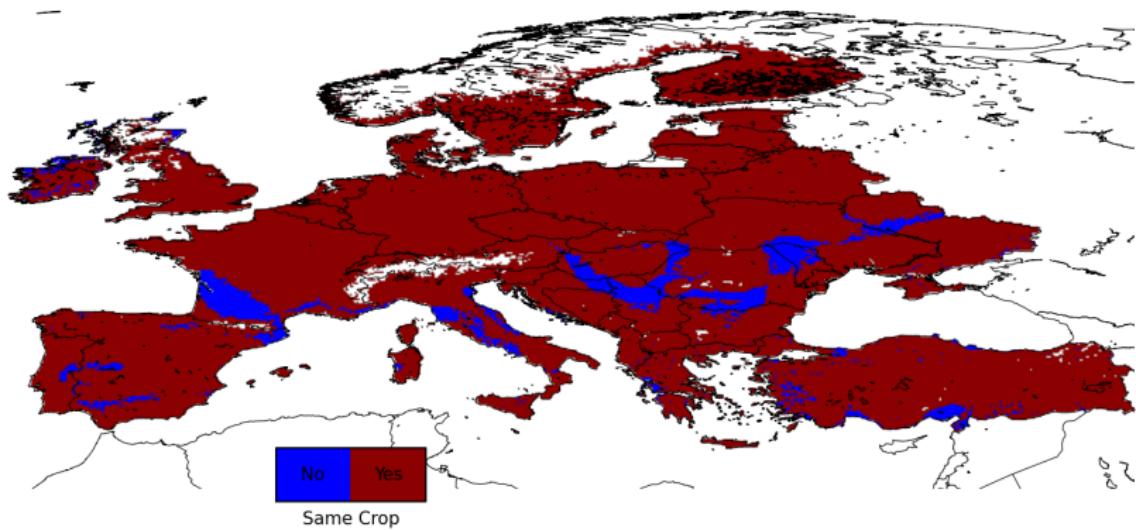


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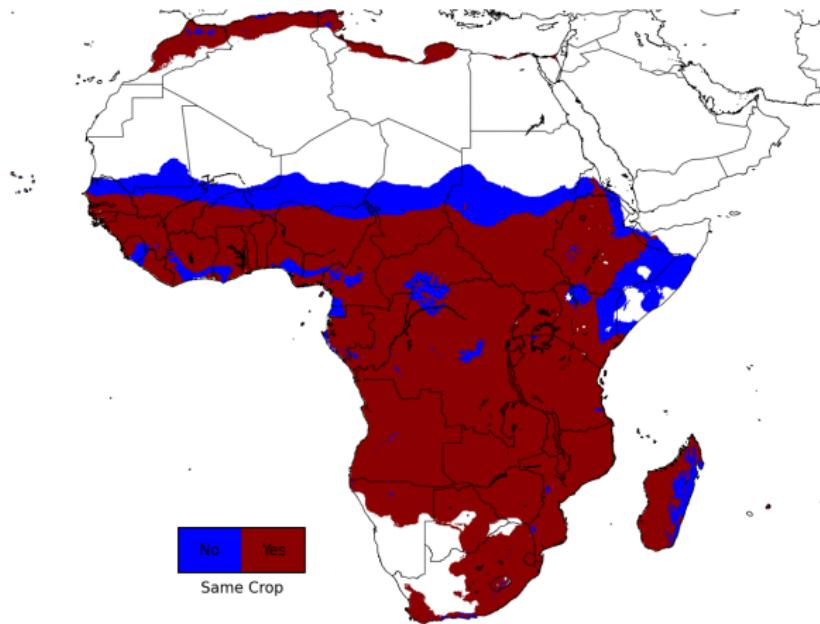


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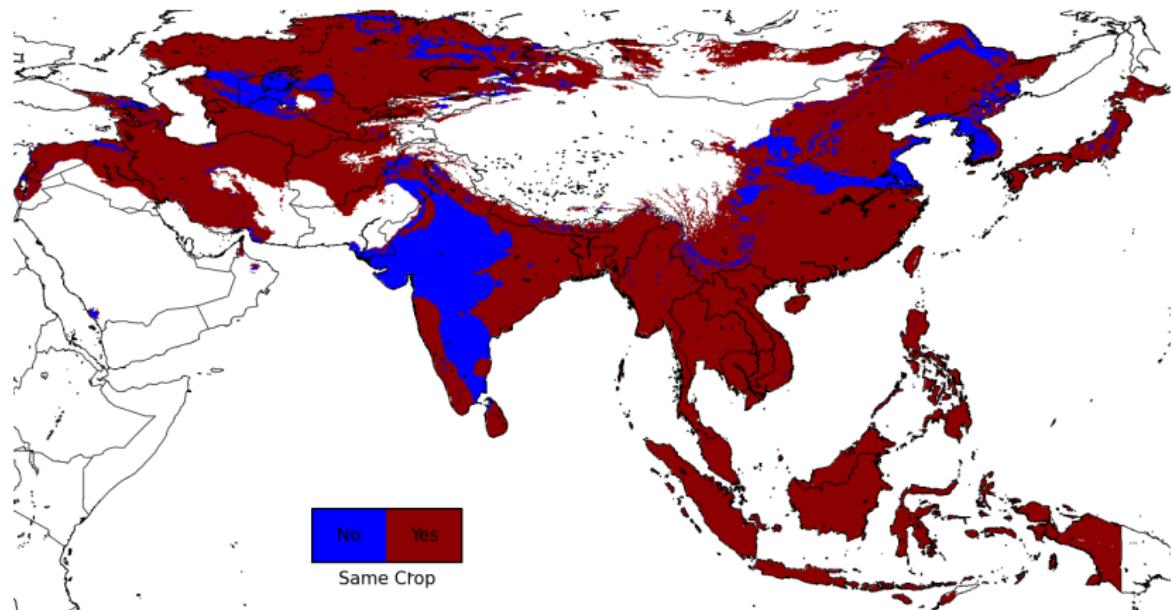
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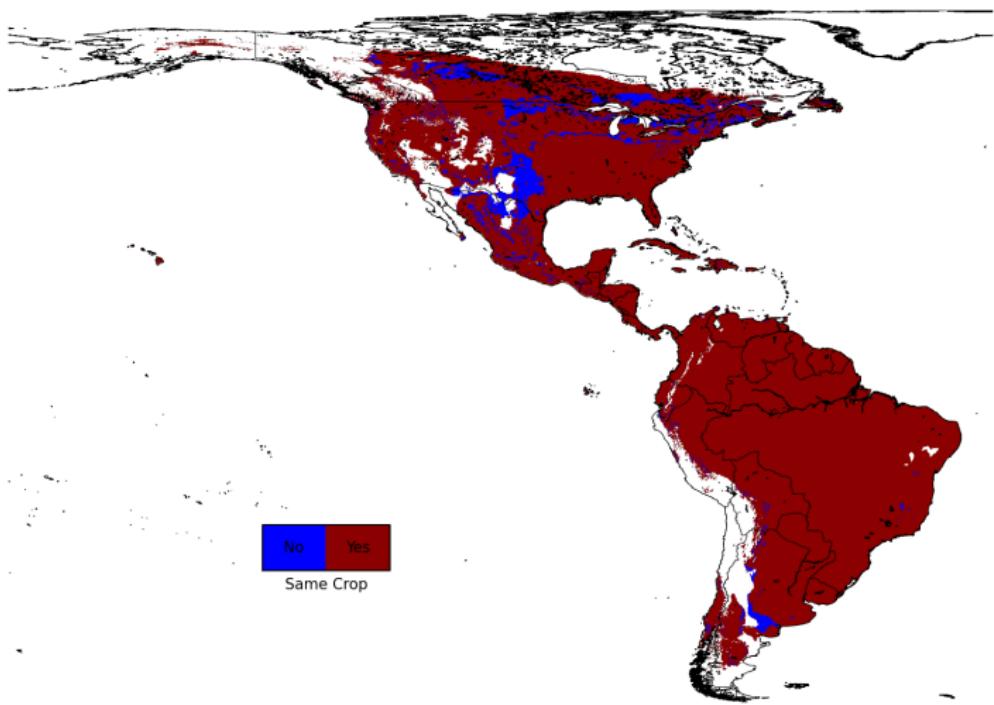
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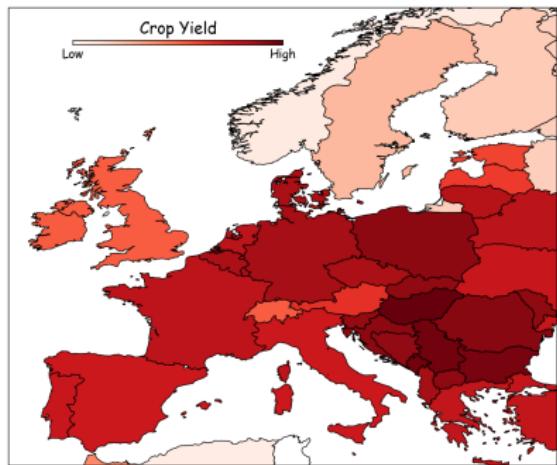
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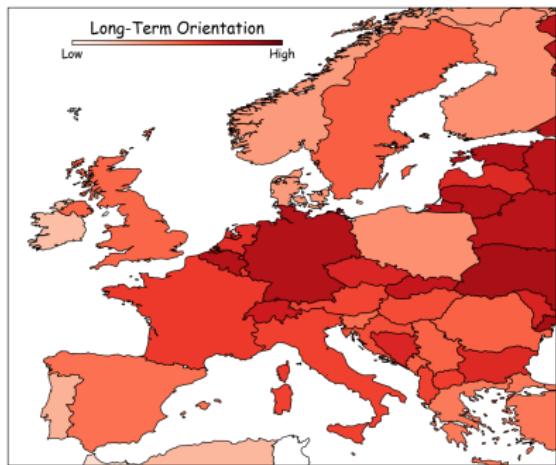


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Potential Crop Yield (Ancestry Adjusted) and LTO



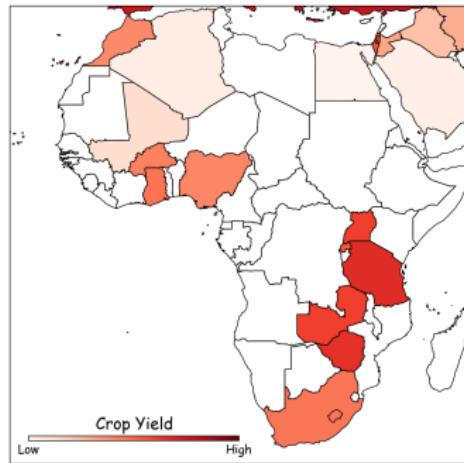
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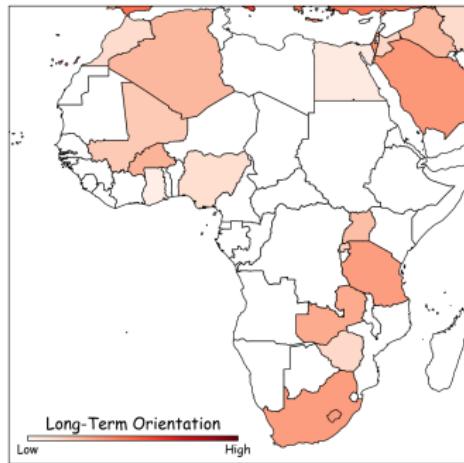
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Potential Crop Yield (Ancestry Adjusted) and LTO

Unadjusted



(a) Potential Crop Yield



(b) Long-Term Orientation

Continental Distribution of crops (and their variants) pre-1500CE

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| Crop | Continent | Crop | Continent |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alfalfa | Asia, Europe | Palm Heart | North Africa, Subsahara |
| Banana | Asia, Oceania, North Africa | Pearl Millet | Asia, North Africa, Subsahara |
| Barley | Asia, Europe, North Africa | Phaseolus Bean | America |
| Buckwheat | Asia | Pigeon Pea | Asia, Subsahara |
| Cabbage | Europe | Rye | Europe |
| Cacao | America | Sorghum | North Africa, Subsahara |
| Carrot | Asia, Europe | Soybean | Asia |
| Cassava | America | Sunflower | America |
| Chick Pea | Europe | Sweet Potato | America |
| Citrus | Asia, Europe | Tea | Asia |
| Coconut | America, Oceania | Tomato | America |
| Coffee | North Africa | Wetland Rice | Asia, Subsahara |
| Cotton | America, Asia, Europe, North Africa, Subsahara | Wheat | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Cowpea | Asia, North Africa, Subsahara | Wheat Hard Red Spring | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Dry Pea | Europe, North Africa | Wheat Hard Red Winter | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Flax | Asia, Europe, North Africa | Wheat Hard White | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Foxtail Millet | Asia, Europe, North Africa | Wheat Soft Red Winter | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Greengram | Asia, Subsahara | Wheat Soft White | Asia, Europe, North Africa |
| Groundnuts | America | White Potato | America |
| Indigo Rice | Asia, Subsahara | Yams | Asia, Subsahara |
| Maize | America | Giant Yams | Asia, Subsahara |
| Oat | Europe, North Africa | Sorghum (Subtropical) | North Africa, Subsahara |
| Oilpalm | North Africa, Subsahara | Sorghum (Tropical Highland) | North Africa, Subsahara |
| Olive | Europe, North Africa | Sorghum (Tropical Lowland) | North Africa, Subsahara |
| Onion | America, Asia, Europe, North Africa, Subsahara, Oceania | White Yams | North Africa, Subsahara |

Changes in Crop Yield and Growth Cycle and their Correlates (Anc.)

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| | Principal Components | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Component 1 | Component 2 | Unexplained |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.00 |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 0.71 | -0.71 | 0.00 |
| Eigenvalues | 1.40 | 0.60 | |
| Proportion Variance | 0.70 | 0.30 | |
| Observations | 87 | | |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Component 1 | Component 2 | Unexplained |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.00 |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | 0.71 | -0.71 | 0.00 |
| Eigenvalues | 1.12 | 0.88 | |
| Proportion Variance | 0.56 | 0.44 | |
| Observations | 87 | | |

Potential Crop Yield, Growth Cycle, Agricultural Suitability and LTO

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | | | (10) | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| | Whole World | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | | |
| PC2 Pre-1500 Crop | 17.38*** (2.69) | 17.75*** (2.70) | | 18.53*** (3.10) | 12.52*** (2.35) | 13.37*** (3.27) | 11.79*** (3.22) | 10.90*** (3.21) | 10.71*** (3.34) | | |
| PC2 Crop Change | | 0.55 (2.66) | | 0.77 (2.88) | 8.82*** (2.20) | 8.74*** (2.46) | 8.22*** (2.34) | 7.93*** (2.35) | 6.39** (2.75) | | |
| PC1 Pre-1500 Crop | | 1.25 (2.05) | | 1.10 (2.05) | 0.74 (1.57) | 0.75 (1.57) | 3.08* (1.69) | 4.02** (1.89) | 2.72 (2.80) | 3.11 (2.85) | |
| PC1 Crop Change | | | | 1.30 (3.04) | 3.28 (2.49) | 8.04*** (2.24) | 7.22*** (2.40) | 6.95*** (2.12) | 6.29*** (2.26) | 4.86 (3.01) | |
| Neolithic Transition Timing (Anc.) | | | | | | | -6.46** (3.02) | -7.05** (3.17) | -9.88** (4.06) | | |
| Land Suitability (Anc.) | | | | | | | | 2.34 (3.20) | 4.28 (3.50) | | |
| Continent FE | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Geographical Controls | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.33 | -0.01 | 0.32 | -0.02 | 0.33 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.63 | |
| Observations | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 70 | |

Pre-1500CE Crop Yield and LTO

Grids that Experienced Change in Crop post-1500

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Pre-1500CE Crop Yield and LTO

Natural Experiment in Countries with High Share of Natives

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Old World | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Crop Yield (pre-1500) | 8.49** (3.44) | 8.58*** (3.05) | 13.78*** (3.47) | 17.55*** (3.93) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | 9.62*** (3.53) | 9.95*** (3.30) | 13.36*** (3.76) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500) | | | | -8.86* (5.01) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | | | 1.03 (2.19) |
| Neolithic Transition Timing | | | -2.84 (4.47) | -1.17 (4.38) |
| Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geography | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.43 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.60 |
| Observations | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |

Excluding Other Cultural Channels: Correlations

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| | Correlation Among Cultural Indices | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| | (LTO) | (RVI) | (Trust) | (Ind) | (PDI) | (Coop) | (UAI) |
| Long-Term Orientation (LTO) | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| Restraint vs. Indulgence (RIV) | 0.53*** | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Trust | 0.19 | -0.07 | 1.00 | | | | |
| Individualism (Ind) | 0.12 | -0.18 | 0.45*** | 1.00 | | | |
| Power Distance (PDI) | 0.05 | 0.34** | -0.50*** | -0.66*** | 1.00 | | |
| Cooperation | 0.01 | -0.09 | -0.21 | 0.05 | 0.16 | 1.00 | |
| Uncertainty Avoidance (UAI) | -0.04 | 0.07 | -0.50*** | -0.23 | 0.27* | -0.00 | 1.00 |

Potential Crop Yield, Growth Cycle, and LTO (Including Grids Not-Suitable for Production)

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Whole World | | | | | | Old World | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Crop Yield | 5.26** (2.43) | 9.01*** (2.86) | 8.21*** (2.61) | 7.11** (3.06) | | | 11.59*** (2.84) | 10.79*** (3.51) |
| Crop Growth Cycle | | | | 2.18 (4.00) | | | | 1.47 (4.25) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors) | | | | | 9.38*** (2.43) | 8.62*** (3.11) | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors) | | | | | | 1.52 (4.23) | | |
| Absolute Latitude | 3.56 (4.21) | 2.46 (3.94) | 3.01 (4.35) | 3.66 (3.79) | 4.05 (4.16) | 4.98 (4.62) | 5.37 (5.14) | |
| Mean Elevation | 6.20* (3.26) | 7.14** (3.41) | 6.63* (3.44) | 6.73** (3.35) | 6.44* (3.25) | 5.86 (3.92) | 5.64 (3.84) | |
| Terrain Roughness | -6.76** (2.68) | -6.16** (2.95) | -6.09** (2.98) | -7.29** (3.00) | -7.24** (3.00) | -6.55** (3.25) | -6.59** (3.28) | |
| Neolithic Transition Timing | | | -6.81** (3.05) | -7.21** (3.20) | | -5.58* (2.84) | -5.84* (2.94) | |
| Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors) | | | | | -5.20** (2.53) | -5.41** (2.63) | | |
| Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Additional Geographical Controls | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.50 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.56 | 0.56 |
| Observations | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 72 | 72 |

Potential Daily Crop Return, Crop Growth Cycle, and LTO

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | Whole World | | | | | | Old World | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Daily Crop Return | 5.71** (2.39) | 9.40*** (2.57) | 8.39*** (2.44) | 7.00*** (2.59) | | | 10.83*** (2.69) | 9.28*** (2.82) |
| Crop Growth Cycle | | | | 4.04 (3.58) | | | | 4.57 (3.85) |
| Daily Crop Return (Ancestors) | | | | | 9.00*** (2.41) | 7.57*** (2.63) | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors) | | | | | | 4.23 (3.79) | | |
| Absolute latitude | 3.07 (4.10) | 2.07 (3.82) | 3.32 (4.32) | 2.58 (3.78) | 4.08 (4.24) | 3.40 (4.59) | 5.22 (5.31) | |
| Mean elevation | 6.44* (3.38) | 7.19** (3.47) | 6.39* (3.42) | 6.78* (3.42) | 6.07* (3.26) | 5.98 (4.11) | 5.32 (3.84) | |
| Terrain Roughness | -6.66** (2.67) | -6.09** (2.94) | -6.10** (2.95) | -7.05** (3.01) | -7.08** (3.01) | -6.15* (3.31) | -6.46* (3.26) | |
| Neolithic Transition Timing | | -6.13* (3.11) | -6.83** (3.18) | | | -5.14* (2.93) | -5.78* (2.94) | |
| Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors) | | | | | -4.87* (2.62) | -5.41** (2.66) | | |
| Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Additional Geographical Controls | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.55 | 0.56 |
| Observations | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 72 | 72 |

Excluding Trade Channel

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Suitability | | Money | | | Transportation | | | Routes |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 9.00*** (2.85) | 9.84*** (2.45) | 11.48*** (2.73) | 12.03*** (3.33) | 11.27*** (2.61) | 11.61*** (2.67) | 12.37*** (3.35) | 11.17*** (2.66) | 11.73*** (2.76) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 10.03*** (2.97) | 10.84*** (2.72) | 11.08*** (3.16) | 11.48*** (3.42) | 11.11*** (3.09) | 10.98*** (3.16) | 11.32*** (3.17) | 11.13*** (3.14) | 11.81*** (3.42) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -5.35 (4.23) | -7.71* (4.29) | -8.36* (4.28) | -8.96* (4.66) | -8.79** (4.38) | -8.33* (4.30) | -9.28** (4.61) | -8.56* (4.42) | -9.73** (4.51) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | -0.12 (1.70) | 0.27 (1.52) | -0.07 (1.82) | -0.02 (1.79) | -0.10 (1.76) | 0.02 (1.85) | 0.10 (1.77) | -0.34 (1.75) | 0.02 (1.83) |
| Land Suitability (Gini) | -2.11 (2.02) | | | | | | | | |
| Land Suitability (Range) | | 2.46 (1.65) | | | | | | | |
| Exchange Medium 1000BCE | | | 0.05 (2.43) | | | | | | |
| Exchange Medium 1CE | | | | 1.15 (3.12) | | | | | |
| Exchange Medium 1000CE | | | | | 4.60 (4.32) | | | | |
| Transportation Medium 1000BCE | | | | | | 0.84 (3.18) | | | |
| Transportation Medium 1CE | | | | | | | 2.40 (4.36) | | |
| Transportation Medium 1000CE | | | | | | | | 1.50 (4.39) | |
| Pre-Industrial Distance to Trade Route | | | | | | | | | 0.16 (5.98) |
| Continental FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geography & Neolithic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adjusted- <i>R</i> ² | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.61 |
| Observations | 84 | 84 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 71 |

Potential Crop Yield and Development

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| Long-Term Orientation | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Crop Yield | 9.67*** (2.60) [3.03] {2.46} | 10.14*** (3.02) [3.38] {2.65} | | | 13.58*** (3.01) [3.01] {2.88} | 16.57*** (3.37) [2.57] {2.95} |
| Crop Growth Cycle | -3.78 (2.47) [2.39] {2.34} | -2.92 (2.95) [2.67] {2.59} | | | -5.26** (2.61) [2.38] {2.50} | -4.07 (2.90) [2.45] {2.54} |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors) | | | 11.35*** (2.56) [2.60] {2.43} | 14.50*** (2.75) [2.46] {2.41} | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors) | | | -5.05** (2.41) [2.15] {2.28} | -4.65* (2.59) [2.24] {2.27} | | |
| Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All Geography & Neolithic | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Old World Subsample | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| AET | | -21.58 | | -3.00 | | -5.53 |
| δ | | -4.72 | | -0.35 | | -0.66 |
| β^* | | 11.38 | | 22.02 | | 21.67 |
| R^2 | 0.59 | 0.70 | 0.61 | 0.75 | 0.56 | 0.72 |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.55 | 0.62 | 0.57 | 0.68 | 0.52 | 0.64 |
| Observations | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 72 | 72 |

Changes in Crop Yield & Growth Cycle and LTO (Selection on Unobserv.)

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| | Long-Term Orientation | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Whole World | | | | Old World | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | 11.28*** (2.92) | 9.51*** (2.92) | | | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | -0.67 (1.84) | -1.51 (1.81) | | | | |
| Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500) | | | 10.20*** (2.50) | 8.83*** (2.36) | 11.25*** (2.72) | 8.39*** (2.88) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500) | | | 0.79 (1.75) | -0.73 (1.78) | 0.16 (1.87) | -1.45 (1.93) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | 10.03*** (2.31) | 10.74*** (2.76) | 9.90*** (2.30) | 11.31*** (2.70) | 10.46*** (2.43) | 12.18*** (3.05) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | -11.29*** (3.22) | -6.47 (3.90) | -11.59*** (3.23) | -6.85* (3.65) | -12.27*** (3.38) | -5.69 (4.24) |
| | Change Crop Yield | | | | | |
| AET | | 5.38 | | 6.43 | | 2.93 |
| δ | | 2.13 | | 2.51 | | 1.45 |
| β^* | | 6.21 | | 6.25 | | 3.32 |
| | Change Crop Growth Cycle | | | | | |
| AET | | -1.81 | | -0.48 | | -0.90 |
| δ | | -0.94 | | -0.25 | | -0.49 |
| β^* | | -3.06 | | -3.58 | | -4.29 |
| Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All Geography & Neolithic | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Old World Subsample | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| R ² | 0.65 | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.78 | 0.62 | 0.76 |
| Adjusted-R ² | 0.61 | 0.70 | 0.62 | 0.71 | 0.58 | 0.67 |
| Observations | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 | 72 | 72 |

European Social Survey

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Data:

- Third Wave European Social Survey
 - Academically driven cross-national survey that has been conducted every two years across Europe since 2001
 - Survey measures the attitudes, beliefs and behavior patterns of diverse populations in 25 nations
- “Do you generally plan for your future or do you just take each day as it comes?”

Correlations: Long-Term Orientation and Income

| | Total Household Income | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Second Generation Migrants | | | | All Individuals | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Long-Term Orientation | 0.33** (0.14) | 0.22* (0.12) | 0.22** (0.10) | 0.23** (0.11) | 0.35*** (0.08) | 0.45*** (0.04) | 0.36*** (0.04) | 0.32*** (0.04) |
| Country FE | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sex & Age | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Pray & Health | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.01 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.01 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 |
| R^2 | 0.01 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.01 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 |
| Observations | 383 | 383 | 383 | 383 | 29323 | 29323 | 29323 | 29323 |

Crop Yield, Crop Growth Cycle, and LTO in Second Generation Migrants

Graphs

| Long-Term Orientation (Ordered Probit) | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Country of Origin | | | | | Parents | | |
| | Mother | | | | | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | | | |
| Crop Yield | 0.11*** (0.04) | 0.11*** (0.04) | 0.23*** (0.07) | 0.27*** (0.07) | | 0.23*** (0.09) | | 0.31*** (0.11) |
| Crop Growth Cycle | | | | -0.13* (0.07) | | -0.09 (0.07) | | -0.10 (0.09) |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors) | | | | | 0.30*** (0.08) | | 0.27*** (0.09) | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors) | | | | | -0.14* (0.07) | | -0.10 (0.08) | |
| Country FE | Yes |
| Sex & Age | Yes |
| Other Ind. Chars. | No | Yes |
| Geographical & Neolithic | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | Yes |
| Pseudo- R^2 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Observations | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 566 | 566 | 557 |

Pre-1500 Crop Yield and LTO in Second Generation Migrants

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| | Country of Origin | | | | | | Parents | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| | Mother | | | | | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Crop Yield (pre-1500) | 2.96** (1.18) | 3.40** (1.32) | 6.45*** (2.17) | 6.50*** (2.16) | 6.65*** (2.15) | | 5.08** (2.48) | 7.62** (2.92) | |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | | 0.44 (1.20) | 1.37 (1.40) | | | 1.98 (1.63) | 2.29 (1.65) | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500) | | | | -1.60 (2.58) | | | -2.65 (2.37) | -2.36 (2.53) | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | | | | -1.27 (0.92) | | -0.07 (1.19) | -0.24 (1.29) | |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | | | | | | 8.10*** (2.03) | 6.54** (2.55) | | |
| Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500) | | | | | | 1.00 (1.45) | 1.87 (1.66) | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | | | | | | -2.42 (2.53) | -3.16 (2.67) | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (Anc., post-1500) | | | | | | -1.03 (0.92) | 0.13 (1.17) | | |
| Country FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sex & Age | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Other Ind. Chars. | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geographical Controls & Neolithic | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| R ² | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Observations | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 566 | 566 | 557 |

| | Country of Origin | | | | | | Parents | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|
| | Mother | | | | | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Crop Yield (pre-1500) | 3.71*** (1.19) | 3.81*** (1.30) | 6.16*** (1.59) | 6.09*** (1.63) | 6.44*** (1.67) | | 4.97** (2.42) | 4.85* (2.46) | |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | | 0.42 (1.58) | -0.25 (1.52) | | 0.39 (1.45) | 0.39 (1.45) | 0.94 (1.47) | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500) | | | 0.14 (1.88) | | -0.07 (2.28) | | 0.79 (2.30) | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | | 1.18 (1.62) | | 2.06 (1.63) | | 1.01 (1.37) | | |
| Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500) | | | | 6.49*** (1.70) | | 4.50** (2.23) | | | |
| Crop Yield Change (Ancestors, post-1500) | | | | -0.86 (1.49) | | 0.41 (1.47) | | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500) | | | | 0.28 (1.86) | | 0.22 (2.30) | | | |
| Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (Anc., post-1500) | | | | 1.88 (1.59) | | 2.24 (1.62) | | | |
| Country FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sex & Age | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Other Ind. Chars. | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Geographical Controls & Neolithic | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Old World Sample | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| R ² | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Observations | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 705 | 566 | 566 | 557 |

Crop Yield and Long-Term Orientation in Second Generation Migrants

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World Values Survey

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Data:

- All waves of WVS
 - cross-national survey conducted every 4-5 years
 - 96 countries
 - widely used in social research
- Long-Term Orientation measure based preference for thrift in children

Question

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“Here is a list of qualities that children can be encouraged to learn at home. Which, if any, do you consider to be especially important?”

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“Here is a list of qualities that children can be encouraged to learn at home. Which, if any, do you consider to be especially important?”

Individual has LTO if mentioned “thrift, saving money and things”

Crop Yield and LTO (WVS) Back

Pre-1500 Crop Yield and LTO (WVS)

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Crop Yield and Long-Term Orientation (Weighted)

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| Long-Term Orientation (OLS) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Whole World | | | | | | Old World | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Crop Yield (pre-1500) | 0.023*** (0.002) | 0.024*** (0.002) | 0.023*** (0.002) | 0.025*** (0.002) | 0.028*** (0.002) | 0.005* (0.003) | 0.055*** (0.002) | 0.005 (0.004) |
| Crop Yield Change (post-1500) | | | | 0.043*** (0.002) | 0.046*** (0.002) | 0.006** (0.003) | 0.042*** (0.002) | 0.007** (0.003) |
| Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500) | | | | | -0.011*** (0.003) | -0.009** (0.004) | -0.012*** (0.003) | -0.008 (0.005) |
| Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500) | | | | | 0.002 (0.002) | -0.007*** (0.002) | 0.002 (0.002) | -0.007*** (0.003) |
| Wave & Continent FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Individual Chars | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Country FE | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Adjusted- R^2 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.08 |
| Observations | 185659 | 185659 | 185659 | 185659 | 185659 | 185659 | 151299 | 151299 |