Statement of Intent

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There is an area where business, history, and economics intersects, and it is this area that I would like to make my area of study as a graduate student in the Department of History. Much in the same way that the discovery of mineral resources, precious metals, or hydrocarbons can cause mass migrations to new areas, or how massive crop failures or a faltering manufacturing sector can precipitate mass exoduses from challenging environments to more favorable ones, I think that there is something to be written about and studied with respect to how a governing entity’s tax and regulatory environment, social welfare, education, and policing policies can influence where business entities form, fall, and relocate to.

A few years back I came across Ray Dalio’s work *The Changing World Order* (2021) and found myself fascinated with his perspective on historical events even if I don’t necessarily subscribe to the notion that the rise and fall of empires essentially boils down to interest rates. I’m currently enrolled in the MBA program at the Lee Business School, and I would like to pursue an MA in History part-time at some point after completing the MBA program.