
European Colonial Expansion & Its Aftermath

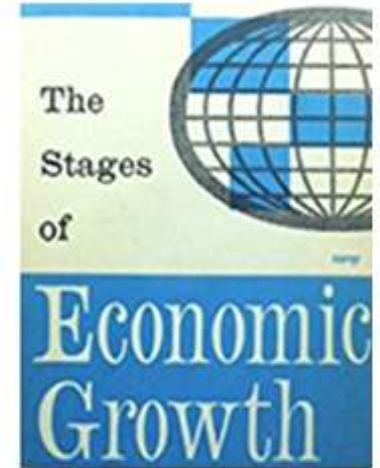
The Historical, Ecological and Cultural Consequences of 1492



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Class Session About The Essays You
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Expectations & Requirements

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What kind of legacies of colonialism do you think are most important?

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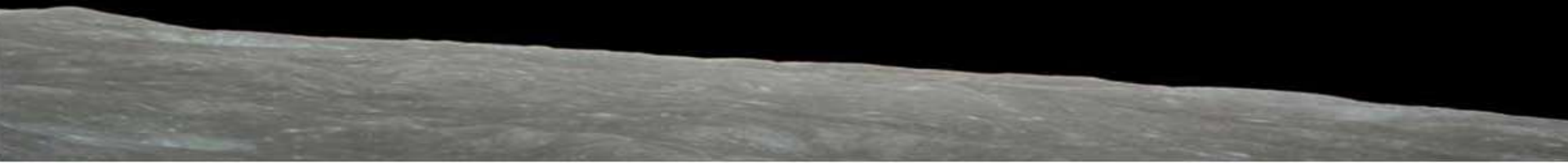
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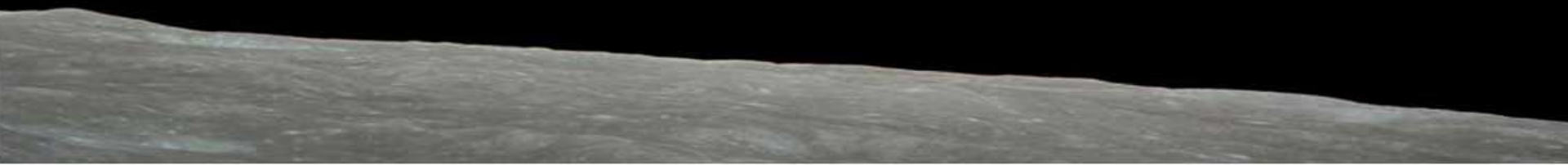


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18 Green China Rising – Executive Cut (English)

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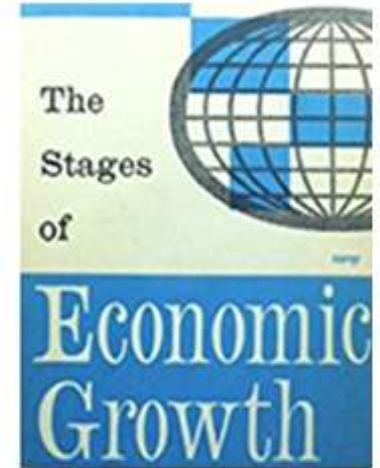
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