

Key-Note: **Globalization and Divergence**

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This paper argues that the concepts of 'globalization' and 'divergence' can usefully be salvaged from modernity and Euro-centrism for the study of deep global history. Globalization is normally dated to some time after 1492, while divergence is normally considered *sui generis*, as in 'the' Great Divergence of Europe from the rest of the world. Here I adapt both concepts, posit several iterations over the last 5,000 years, and briefly consider their after-lives and interactions. Globalization and Divergence were variables that profoundly affected particular cultures and polities, but cannot be wholly captured by their histories. Hence the need for global history.