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“Europe-Asia trade and the Great Divergence debate, 1600-1850”

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Venue: Gravensteen, room 1.11 (first floor)

Jan de Vries is a professor of history and a professor of economics. He also has served as chair of UC Berkeley’s history department, dean of social sciences in the College of Letters & Science, and as vice provost for academic affairs.

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