Modern Africa's impoverishment, though often alleged to have begun in the era of slaving, deepened during colonial rule (1900-1960), barely paused during the early years of national independence (1960-70), intensified with the Cold War era of military rule (1970-1990), and – recently – provoked painful structural adjustment programs, has in fact been at the core of the continent’s relationship with the commercial economies surrounding it for a millennium and may reveal as much about world economies as about Africa itself.

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September 23: Maya Jasanoff (Harvard University) on the worlds of Joseph Conrad