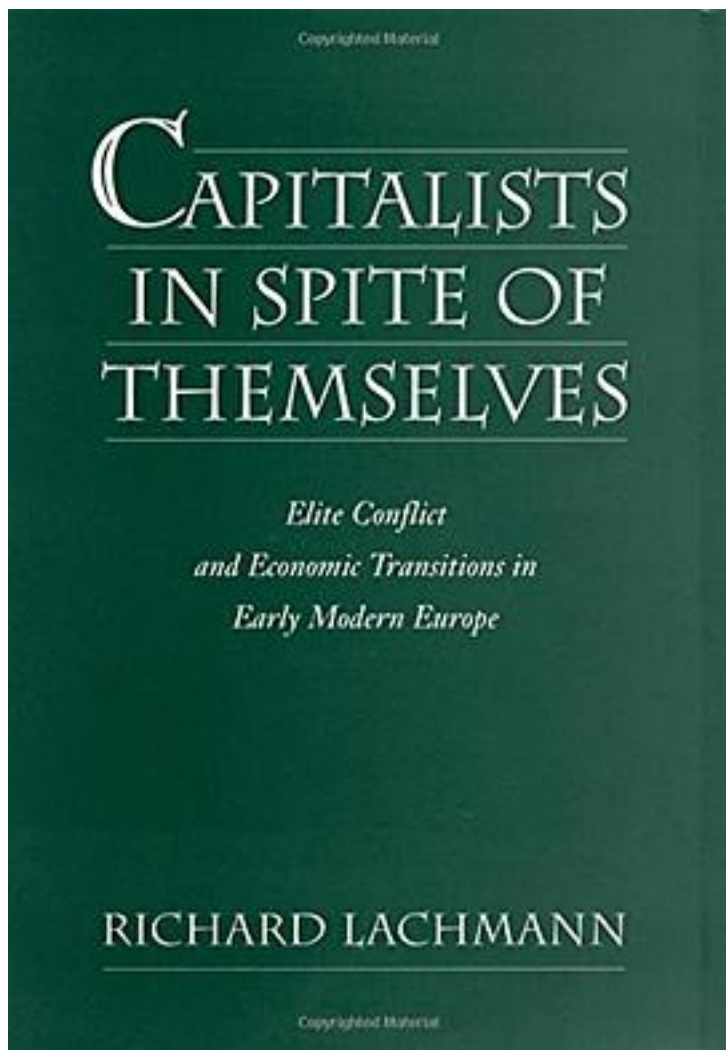


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Here, Richard Lachmann offers a new answer to an old question: Why did capitalism develop in some parts of early modern Europe but not in others? Finding neither a single cause nor an essentialist unfolding of a state or capitalist system, Lachmann describes the highly contingent development of various polities and economies. He identifies, in particular, conflict among feudal elites-landlords, clerics, kings, and officeholders-as the dynamic which perpetuated manorial economies in some places while propelling elites elsewhere to transform the basis of their control over land and labor. Comparing regions and cities within and across England, France, Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands from the twelfth through eighteenth centuries, Lachmann breaks new ground by showing step by step how the new social relations and political institutions of early modern Europe developed. He demonstrates in detail how feudal elites were pushed toward capitalism as they sought to protect their privileges from rivals in the aftermath of the Reformation. *Capitalists in Spite of Themselves* is a compelling narrative of how elites and other classes made and responded to political and religious revolutions while gradually creating the nation-states and capitalist markets which still constrain our behavior and order our world. It will prove invaluable for anyone wishing to understanding the economic and social history of early modern Europe.

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资本主义和现代世界的起源一直吸引着人们的注意力，社会学作为一门学科的最重要使命之一，原本就是解释它们是如何产生的、又为何发生、到底发生了什么。对此，有人认为是某种重要的“大分流”起了作用，有人认为是欧洲的殖民掠夺和军事优势，也有人强调新教伦理导致了资本主义...

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