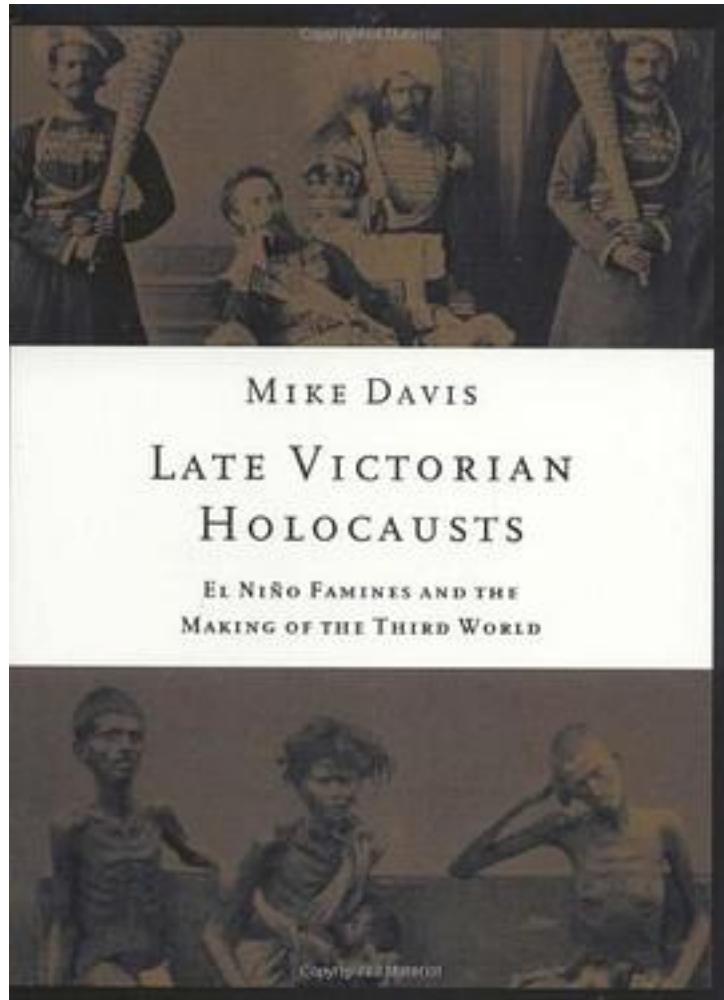


Late Victorian Holocausts



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While this book will not have the impact of Davis's *City of Quartz*--a scathing indictment of L.A.'s environmental ravagement, economic disparity and racial

divides--in a perfect world, it would. Its subject is nothing less than the creation of what we now call "The Third World," through a complex series of seemingly disparate natural and market-related events beginning in the 1870s. Davis dives into the data and journalism of the period with a vengeance, showing that the seemingly unprecedented droughts across northern Africa, India and China in the 1870s and 1890s are consistent with what we now know to be El Niño's effects, and that it was political and market forces (which are never impersonal, Davis insists), and not a lack of potential stores and transportation, that kept grain from the more than 50 million people who starved to death.

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World climate system, late Victorian world economy, New Imperialism; ecological poverty, household poverty, state decapacitation - making of the third world | 171031

与我写过的一个小文章观点很像，自视为对我社会学想象力的肯定哈哈。从国际政治经济学的角度来解释中印的衰落，观点并不新鲜。但从1877年和1890年两次厄尔尼诺出发，解释自然特征是如何与国际政治经济秩序交织在一起，破坏了东亚既有的生产秩序的，角度还是挺刁钻。

在世界性氣候危機下，為什麼有的國家存活下來，有的卻受到重創？明顯是和「脆弱性」有關，無論是環境的還是社會經濟的。原來向F老師提議讀這本書，老師本能地反對環境決定論，可能是我要重讀並尋求解釋的地方。

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书评

Reading LVH has been more painful than reading The Ecology of Fear not only because of the famines' higher human toll than the Southern Calironian natural disasters. In relation to natural causes, namely El Nino, LVH reveals the ignorance of major thinkers...

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