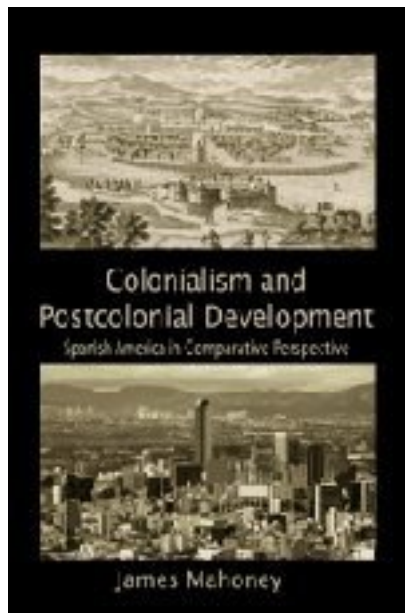


Colonialism and Postcolonial Development



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In this comparative-historical analysis of Spanish America, Mahoney offers a new theory of colonialism and postcolonial development. He explores why certain kinds of societies are subject to certain kinds of colonialism and why these forms of colonialism give rise to countries with differing levels of economic prosperity and social well-being. Mahoney contends that differences in the extent of colonialism are best explained by the potentially evolving fit between the institutions of the colonizing nation and those of the colonized society. Moreover, he shows how institutions forged under colonialism bring countries to relative levels of development that may prove remarkably enduring in the postcolonial period. The argument is sure to stir discussion and debate, both among experts on Spanish America who believe that development is not tightly bound by the colonial past, and among scholars of colonialism who suggest that the institutional identity of the colonizing nation is of little consequence.

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目录: 1. Explaining levels of colonialism and postcolonial development; 2. Spain and its colonial empire in the Americas; 3. Mercantilist colonialism; 4. Liberal colonialism; 5. Warfare and postcolonial development; 6. Postcolonial levels of development; 7. British and Portuguese colonialism; 8. Conclusion.
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评论

此书甚合阿姨殖民学口味：殖民大法好，深度自由帝国贸易殖民比深度重商掠夺式殖民好，住不住人无所谓、制度搬来最重要XD以及此书同Carles Boix一样有个特点，思路非常清晰、自我逻辑完整、论证非常密实、读者和作者思维高

度同步，往往读到一处觉得“是不是还要考虑什么”“是不是应该写成什么”，下一节、甚至下一段即马上给出（虽然有时较勉强的）补充解释说明，非常耐读。

这个就纯粹是看口味了。重商主义殖民阻碍自由主义殖民，但没有重商主义殖民，自由主义殖民也不来。自由主义殖民保障发展，但没有自由主义殖民有战争也行。有战争保证发展，没战争也保证发展。受现代政经训练的肯定不会喜欢这种15个案例要添一堆均轮来处理outliers的书。

带劲

不但殖民可以是好的，自由主义的殖民是更好的。比较政治学者不考虑规范性问题，而是一味将责任推脱给政治理论学者，得出的结论就是这么充满意识形态偏见。

比较历史分析的大作，殖民主义的遗产

这本书完全可以称得上“当代比较历史研究的扛鼎之作”，属于Mahoney自己推崇的那一套方法的实地演练——比较序列分析、布尔法比较、因果机制研究，等等。然而，实事求是的说这本书却并没有提出石破天惊的论断，以至于其核心论点依旧是建立在AJR的基础之上（即便更加详细且贴近历史），而且这个议题貌似也并非目前比较政治研究中最关注的——所以，期待Mahoney下一部非方法论的著作。

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书评

James Mahoney contributes to the protracted debate of the effects of colonialism by providing a historical-institutional view of colonialism and post-colonial development. Mahoney provided a more complex categorization of colonial policies and institutions,

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