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Human Sciences and Complexity

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"Cityrise and Cityquake: The Five Alternations Between Global
Economy and Regional Economies in Eurasia in the Last Millennium;
and Definitive Evidence of Macro-Civilizational Dynamics"

Abstract: Studies of macrosocial system dynamics over the past two years have
suggested large scale “cityquakes” that radically altered the shape of urban city
distributions worldwide, especially in Eurasia, alternating between more global
economies and more regionalized economies. We present the first definitive evidence and
explanation for what these cityquakes entail and argue that we are on the cusp between a
continuation of the dynamics of the past, which if continued would entail globalization,
and a precipitous and early collapse into divisive regional economies, a transition which
is preceded by interregional wars and the breakdown of interregional trade.

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