# Railways and the European Fertility Transition 

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## Question and Motivation

## Question

Did railways affect fertility in Europe during the continent's fertility transition?

Motivation

- Europe's declining fertility in the long nineteenth century (e.g. crude birth rates fell in the UK by $33 \%$, 1880-1910) was necessary for modern economic growth (Crafts and Mills, 2020; Galor and Weil, 1999).
- Europe's railway network more than doubled in length between 1870 and 1910 (Martí-Henneberg, 2013).
- If railways increased urbanization or the returns to child quality, they may have sped up the decline in fertility...
- ...but if railways increased incomes or the returns to child labor they may have slowed the decline in fertility.


## This Paper

- We create an unbalanced panel of locations (~NUTS 3 regions) combining data on fertility from the Princeton European Fertility Project and railways from Martí-Henneberg (2013).
- We show, in a regression with fixed effects for locations and decades, that market access slowed the fertility decline.
- A one standard deviation increase in market access predicts fertility is greater by 0.14 standard deviations.
- We use access to markets more than 500 km away as an instrument for market access, confirming our OLS results.
- Results are consistent with children as a normal good:
- Greater nuptiality of women aged 20-24 is an intermediate mechanism.
- Income per capita rises in locations that gain market access.
- Effects are greatest in ultimately developed locations where schooling and female labor force participation lagged.
- Results are robust to tests of the parallel trends assumption, to exploiting within-country variation, and other checks.


## In a Nutshell


—— Top Quartile Gain in Market Access, 1870-1910

-     -         - Bottom Quartile Gain in Market Access, 1870-1910


## Contribution

- To the literature on fertility transitions (e.g. Aaronson et al, 2014; Bleakley and Lange, 2009):
- Guinnane (2011): "Despite at least one hundred years of academic and official interest in the decline of fertility, this question is not one for which economists have a clear, empirically well-founded explanation."
- Europe's fertility transition may have been due to economic motives (Becker and Lewis, 1973; Fernihough, 2017) or culture (Beach and Hanlon, forthcoming; Spolaore and Wacziarg, 2022)...or both...or neither...
- Railways provide (hopefully) a window into both economic and cultural explanations.
- To the literature on railroads (e.g. Fogel, 1964; Donaldson, 2018):
- There is an extensive literature on how railroads have shaped economic geography, structural transformation, etc...
- The literature on human capital outcomes is smaller (e.g. Andersson et al. 2023; Zimran 2020), and multi-country studies with meso-level data are rare.
- The closest paper, Guldi and Rahman (2022), finds that market access reduced fertility via specialization in the United States.
- We focus on Europe, introduce novel market access measures and an instrumental variables approach, and find different results through other mechanisms.
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## Empirical strategy

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\begin{equation*}
\text { Fertility }_{l d}=\beta \ln (\text { MarketAccess })_{l d}+x_{l}^{\prime} \eta_{d}+\delta_{l}+\eta_{d}+\epsilon_{l d} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Fertilityld is a measure of fertility in location I in decade $d \in 1840, \ldots, 1940$.
- Generally $I_{f}$, a ratio between 0 and 100 of fertility to the highest ever recorded.
- $\ln (\text { MarketAccess })_{l d}$ is a measure of how connected location $I$ is to other locations in decade $d$.
- In our baseline, this only changes over time due to the spread of the railway.
- As an instrumental variable, we compute $\ln$ (DistantMarketAccess) ld using only markets at least 500 km away (Chan, 2023).
- $x_{l}$ is time-invariant controls, usually geographic, interacted with decade fixed effects $\eta_{d}$.
- $\delta_{l}$ and $\eta_{d}$ are fixed effects for location and decade.
- We cluster standard errors by location.


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## Data: Fertility

- Data come from the Princeton project on the decline of fertility in Europe (Coale and Watkins, 1986).
- These cover 1229 European "provinces and smaller districts" between 1787 and 1970.
- The main fertility measure we use is $I_{f}$, the ratio of births to a "maximum" measured using data on Hutterites:

$$
I_{f}=\frac{B_{f}}{\sum_{a} f_{a} h_{a}}
$$

- Here:
- $B_{f}$ is all births.
- $a$ is an age bin (e.g. 25-29).
- $f_{a}$ is the number of women in age bin $a$.
- $h_{a}$ is the Hutterite fertility rate in age bin a.
- The data also report analogous rates of marital fertility $\left(I_{g}\right)$ and non-marital fertility $\left(I_{h}\right)$.
- These data are extremely unbalanced, and so we collapse them to a decadal panel by averaging over observations in a decade.
- We multiply $I_{f}$ and other fertility measures by 100 for coefficient interpretability.


## Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1840$



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Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1900$


## Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1910$



Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1920$


## Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1930$



## Fertility $\left(I_{f}\right): 1940$




## Data: Railroads

- Data on railways are taken from Martí-Henneberg (2013).
- He constructs a polyline shapefile of active railways in Europe west (roughly) of Minsk, every decade from 1840-2010.
- We merge the fertility and rail data using polygon maps of ~ NUTS 3 units from Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR, 2013).
- Series 0 (one of 3 series reported in the fertility data) maps almost perfectly 1:1 with the MPIDR map for 1900.
- Our unit of observation in our regression analysis will be MPIDR polygon $\times$ decade.
- These polygons are also used to compute geographic control variables.

Railroads: 1840



Railroads: 1850



Railroads: 1860



Railroads: 1870


Railroads: 1880



## Railroads: 1890



Railroads: 1900


Railroads: 1910
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## Railroads: 1920

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## Railroads: 1930




## Railroads: 1940




## Data: Market Access

- We follow Donaldson and Hornbeck (2016) and use market access $\left(M A_{l d}\right)$ to measure a location's l's exposure to other markets in decade $d$ :

$$
M A_{l d}=\sum_{l^{\prime}} \frac{P_{l^{\prime} d}}{\tau_{\| l^{\prime} d}^{\theta}}
$$

- $P_{I^{\prime} d}$ is population of location $I^{\prime}$ in decade $d$.
- $\tau_{I \prime \prime} d$ is the travel cost from the centroid of $I$ to the centroid of $I^{\prime}$ in decade $d$.
- $\theta$ is the trade elasticity. We use 8.22 in our baseline.
- For $P_{l^{\prime} d}$, we use populations from the HYDE database in 1830 as our baseline (Klein Goldewijk et al., 2013).
- To compute $\tau$ :
- We construct a $0.1^{\circ} \times 0.1^{\circ}$ grid.
- We use the Özak $(2018,2010)$ Human Mobility Index for non-rail travel times.
- We use 60 km per hour as the travel time by rail.
- $\tau_{I I^{\prime} d}$ is the time taken by the fastest route from $/$ to $I^{\prime}$ given the rail network in decade $d$.
- Our instrument, distant market access, excludes $I^{\prime}$ within 500 km of $I$.


## Hours to Rome: 1830



## Hours to Rome: 1840



## Hours to Rome: 1850



## Hours to Rome: 1860



## Hours to Rome: 1870



## Hours to Rome: 1880



## Hours to Rome: 1890



## Hours to Rome: 1900



## Hours to Rome: 1910



## Hours to Rome: 1920



## Hours to Rome: 1930



## Hours to Rome: 1940



## In Market Access: 1830



## In Market Access: 1840



## In Market Access: 1850



## In Market Access: 1860



## In Market Access: 1870



## In Market Access: 1880



## In Market Access: 1890



## In Market Access: 1900



## In Market Access: 1910



## In Market Access: 1920



## In Market Access: 1930



## In Market Access: 1940



## Data: Controls

- Latitude, longitude, and coast distance: computed ourselves.
- River: from Natural Earth Data.
- Altitude: from the World Digital Elevation Model.
- Population density in 1830: from Klein Goldewijk et al. (2013).
- Area: from MPIDR (2013).
- Caloric suitability: from Galor and Özak $(2015,2016)$.
- Suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats, and wheat: from the FAO-GAEZ project.
- Average precipitation: from WorldClim, originally from the CRU.
- Ruggedness: from Amatulli et al. (2018).
- ... and all are time-invariant and so interacted with the decade fixed effects.
- Maps are in the appendix.


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## Overview

- Market access predicts greater fertility.
- Magnitude? A one standard deviation increase in market access predicts greater fertility by $\frac{7.91 \times 0.158}{8.93} \approx 0.14$ standard deviations.
- Or: compute counterfactual fertility as:

$$
\text { Fertilityld }_{l d}-\hat{\beta}\left(\ln M A_{l d}-\ln M A_{l, 1830}\right)
$$

- ... and fertility would have been $\sim 8 \%$ lower in 1910.
- Our instrumental variables estimates are $\sim 30 \%$ larger than our fixed effects estimates.


## Results: Fixed Effects

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.158^{* * *}$ | $0.125^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| $N$ |  |  |
| Nixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results: Instrumental variables

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.206^{* * *}$ | $0.180^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.044)$ | $(0.044)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
| KPF | No | Yes |
|  | 539.7 | 535.4 |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%,{ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
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## Conceptual Framework

- If children are a normal good, an increase in income would increase fertility (Asrhaf and Galor, 2011; Black et al., 2013).
- Gains to trade, then, can increase fertility if they encourage specialization in goods intensive in unskilled labor (Galor and Mountford, 2008).
- But there are channels through which rising incomes could reduce fertility:
- Returns to skill and the quality-quantity tradeoff (Becker, 1973; Galor, 2022). Our results should be strongest where literacy and numeracy lagged.
- Women's work and the opportunity cost of children (Guinnane, 2011). Our results should be strongest where opportunities were more limited for women.


## Mechanisms: Evidence

- Results not in blue are in the appendix.
- Proximate mechanisms:
- Marital and non-marital fertility both rise.
- Rural marital fertility rises, but we have limited data on outcomes by rural/urban status.
- Nuptiality rises for women aged 20-24.
- Economic mechanisms:
- Market access increased GDP per capita, and we have suggestive evidence that GDP per capita mediates the results.
- Heterogeneity:
- Results are driven by the 1870-1914 period, at the height of the fertility transition.
- Results are driven by regions that, by 1900 had high incomes, lower shares of the labor force in agriculture, and higher shares in industry and services in data from Roses and Wolf (2020).
- Results are larger for countries that lagged in schooling in 1900, or in 1870, and in numeracy in 1880 in the Clio Infra data.
- Results are larger for countries that lagged in FLFP c. 1900.


## Nuptiality rises for women aged 20-24

|  | (1) <br> Age at <br> Marriage | $(2)$ <br> Age at <br> Marriage | $(3)$ <br> Pct. <br> Married <br> $20-24$ | Pct. <br> Married <br> $20-24$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 1.050 | $-1.069^{*}$ | $0.286^{* * *}$ | $0.121^{* *}$ |
|  | $(0.770)$ | $(0.614)$ | $(0.059)$ | $(0.050)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 1,188 | 1,188 | 1,532 | 1,532 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

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## Rising incomes

|  | (1) <br> Total <br> Fertility | (2) <br> Total <br> Fertility | (3) <br> In GDP <br> per capita | $\begin{gathered} (4) \\ \text { In GDP } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { capita } \end{gathered}$ | (5) <br> Total Fertility | (6) <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.086^{*} \\ & (0.050) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.069 \\ (0.043) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.010^{* * *} \\ & (0.002) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.004^{* *} \\ & (0.002) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.058 \\ (0.052) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.054 \\ (0.043) \end{gathered}$ |
| In GDP per capita |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.629 * * * \\ & (0.845) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.532 * * * \\ & (1.003) \end{aligned}$ |
| N | 2,742 | 2,742 | 2,752 | 2,752 | 2,742 | 2,742 |
| Sample | All | All | All | All | All | All |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |

 a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results by GDP in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | (4) <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.245^{* * *}$ | $0.205^{* * *}$ | 0.031 | -0.006 |
|  | $(0.039)$ | $(0.057)$ | $(0.047)$ | $(0.041)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,768 | 1,768 | 1,738 | 1,738 |
|  | In RW | In RW | In RW | In RW |
|  | GDP per | GDP per | GDP per | GDP per |
|  | capita | capita | capita | capita |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median in | Median in | Median in | Median in |
|  | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * * S i g n i f i c a n t ~ a t ~} 1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results by schooling in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.014 | 0.024 | $0.259 * * *$ | $0.099 * *$ |
|  | $(0.037)$ | $(0.036)$ | $(0.055)$ | $(0.046)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,017 | 2,017 |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median | Median | Median | Median |
|  | Years of | Years of | Years of | Years of |
| Fixed Effects | Education | Education | Education | Education |
| Controls | in 1900 | in 1900 | in 1900 | in 1900 |
|  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^1]
## Results by female labor force participation c. 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.033 | 0.032 | $0.289^{* * *}$ | $0.273^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.050)$ | $(0.000)$ | $(0.043)$ | $(0.047)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,623 | 1,623 | 1,843 | 1,843 |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median | Median | Median | Median |
| Fixed Effects | FLFP | FLFP | FLFP | FLFP |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

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## Alternative Mechanisms (1/2)

- Diffusion of norms?
- Compute "fertility access" as $\sum_{l^{\prime}} w_{l^{\prime} d} F_{l^{\prime} 0}$.
- Here, $w_{l^{\prime} d}=\frac{\tau_{I^{\prime} d}^{-\theta}}{\sum_{l^{\prime}} \tau_{I^{\prime \prime} d}^{-\theta}}$.
- $F_{\prime^{\prime} 0}$ is initial fertility of location $I^{\prime}$, and $w_{\prime^{\prime} d}$ are travel cost weights.
- Diffusion of norms may have played a role, but the evidence is weak, with a standardized $\beta$ of $\frac{0.287 \times 0.309}{8.93} \approx 0.001$.
- Results do not differ by neighbors' fertility, nor when controlling for neighbors' fertility or several measures of distance from France.
- Similarly, "mortality access" (i.e. access to infant mortality) reduces fertility with a standardized $\beta<0.1$ that is not robust to controls.
- Reshaping the data to a panel of pairs: falling $\tau_{I I^{\prime} d}$ does not predict fertility convergence.
- What matters - having a railway or being connected to other markets? Results survive controlling for railway density (length per unit area), and railway density has the opposite sign.
- Distance from rail has the opposite sign from market access, but we cannot implement the IV approach from Katz (2018).


## Alternative Mechanisms (2/2)

- Sectoral change? Data on employment shares from Roses and Wolf (2020) suggest muted impacts on sectoral shares.
- Urbanization? The result survives controlling for urbanization.
- Human capital? The result survives controlling for country literacy in the Clio Infra data.
- Mortality? Results are driven by countries with greater life expectancy in 1870.
- Political connections? Results survive dropping capitals.
- Agglomeration? We can control for initial market access, and the effects are greater in locations with greater initial market access and in coastal locations.


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## Robustness (1/2)

- Results survive:
- Tests of the parallel trends assumption, including forward lags, long differences, and an event study.
- Estimation in long differences - 1870 to 1910, and most other year combinations.
- Alternative measures of market access.
- Alternative $\theta$; census data on population from 1850 from Martí Henneberg; contemporary populations; country populations from Federico and Tena-Junguito; city populations from Reba et al. (2016), which are mostly from Chandler; city populations from Bosker et al. (2013), which are mostly from Bairoch.
- Railway speed of 30 or 120 km per hour.
- Add border costs. Add roads that predate the railway. Allow steam (i.e. rapid) travel over water.
- Use costs per ton-km from Martí Henneberg.
- City populations in 1850 from Martí Henneberg.
- Conley (1999) standard errors.


## Robustness (2/2)

- Results survive:
- Alternative IV cutoff distances.
- In Fertility.
- Discarding Belgium.
- Discarding periods after 1914.
- Country trends, country-year fixed effects, polynomials in latitude and longitude.
- Accounting for coal.
- Discarding the $40 \%$ largest units by area - those for which market access and fertility may be most poorly measured.
- Retaining only locations that appear 9 times. The maximum, 10 , is $<20 \%$ of the sample.


## Tests of Parallel Trends

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| F. In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.025 | -0.007 |
|  | $(0.041)$ | $(0.039)$ |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.102^{* * *}$ | $0.044^{*}$ |
|  | $(0.026)$ | $(0.025)$ |
| L. In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.143^{* * *}$ | $0.106^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.027)$ | $(0.027)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 2,731 | 2,731 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

[^3]
## Long Differences: 1870 to 1910

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\Delta$ Total Fertility | $\Delta$ Total Fertility |
| $\Delta$ In Market Access | $0.340^{* * *}$ | $0.235^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.062)$ | $(0.069)$ |
| $N$ |  |  |
| Controls | 347 | 347 |
|  | No | Yes |

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## Conclusion

- Market access driven by railways predicts greater fertility in Europe, 1840-1940.
- Probable mechanism? Rising income:
- Income itself increases with market access.
- Nuptiality of women aged 20-24 is an intermediate mechanism.
- The link is strongest in ultimately more developed locations where human capital and FLFP lagged.
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## Fertility Data: Availability



## Railway length over time



## Summary Statistics

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | mean | sd | min | max | N |
| Total Fertility | 30.2 | 8.93 | 5.90 | 68.1 | 4,104 |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 6.98 | 7.91 | -22.1 | 27.7 | 4,206 |
| Latitude | 49.6 | 5.75 | 35.2 | 70.0 | 4,206 |
| Longitude | 5.14 | 9.00 | -18.6 | 29.7 | 4,206 |
| Coast Distance | 97.7 | 134 | 0 | 614 | 4,206 |
| River | 0.53 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 | 4,206 |
| Altitude | 318 | 340 | -144 | 2,186 | 4,206 |
| Population Density 1830 | 77.8 | 179 | 0.15 | 2,599 | 4,206 |
| Area | 7,138 | 12,013 | 12.3 | 166,762 | 4,206 |
| Caloric Suitability | 8,000 | 2,653 | 0 | 14,514 | 4,206 |
| Barley Suitability | 7,442 | 2,230 | 0 | 10,604 | 4,206 |
| Maize Suitability | 3,493 | 3,994 | 0 | 14,527 | 4,206 |
| Rye Suitability | 4,567 | 1,361 | 0 | 6,383 | 4,206 |
| Oat Suitability | 2,992 | 797 | 0 | 3,681 | 4,206 |
| Wheat Suitability | 7,286 | 2,158 | 0 | 10,303 | 4,206 |
| Average Precipitation | 73.5 | 25.2 | 28.7 | 231 | 4,206 |
| Ruggedness | 13.7 | 13.0 | 0.41 | 82.0 | 4,206 |
| Year | 1,895 | 25.1 | 1,840 | 1,940 | 4,206 |

## Binned Scatterplot: Net of Fixed Effects



## Results: First Stage

|  | $(1)$ In Market Access: $\theta=8.22)$ | $(2)$ In Market Access: $\theta=8.22)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Distant Market Access: 500 km | $\begin{gathered} 1.225 * * * \\ (0.053) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.705^{* * *} \\ (0.074) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

[^4]
## Counterfactual Fertility with 1830 Market Access



## Marital and non-Marital Fertility

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Marital | Marital <br> Fertility | Fertility | Non- <br> Marital <br> Non- |
| Fertility | Marital |  |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.268^{* * *}$ | $0.197^{* * *}$ | $0.046^{* * *}$ | $0.033^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.055)$ | $(0.052)$ | $(0.011)$ | $(0.011)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,040 | 4,040 | 4,034 | 4,034 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^5]
## Urban Fertility (1/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Urban <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Urban <br> Fertility | Urban <br> Marital <br> Fertility | Urban <br> Marital <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.024 | 0.027 | 0.102 | 0.016 |
|  | $(0.061)$ | $(0.064)$ | $(0.114)$ | $(0.111)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 687 | 687 | 718 | 718 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^6]
## Urban Fertility (2/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Urban <br> Non- <br> Marital | $(2)$ <br> Urban <br> Non- <br> Marital | $(3)$ <br> Urban <br> Nuptiality | Urban <br> Nuptiality |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fertility |  |  |  |  |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%,{ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Rural Fertility (1/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Rural <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Rural <br> Fertility | (3) <br> Rural <br> Marital <br> Fertility | (4) <br> Rural <br> Marital <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | -0.007 | -0.002 | $0.168^{* *}$ | 0.022 |
|  | $(0.046)$ | $(0.049)$ | $(0.075)$ | $(0.075)$ |
| $N$ | 888 | 888 | 936 | 936 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^7]
## Rural Fertility (2/2)

|  | (1) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rural Non- |  |
| Marital |  |
| Fertility |  | |  | $(2)$ <br> Rural Non- <br> Marital <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Rural <br> Nuptiality | (4) <br> Rural <br> Nuptiality |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | -0.020 | -0.024 | $-0.121^{* *}$ |

[^8]
## Intermediate Outcomes (1/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Nuptiality | $(2)$ <br> Nuptiality | $(3)$ <br> Infant <br> Mortality | $(4)$ <br> Infant <br> Mortality |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.033 | $0.048^{*}$ | -0.015 | 0.059 |
|  | $(0.027)$ | $(0.026)$ | $(0.039)$ | $(0.039)$ |
| N | 4,074 | 4,074 | 1,606 | 1,606 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%,{ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Intermediate Outcomes (2/2)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Pct. <br> Married by <br> 50 | $(2)$ <br> Pct. <br> Married by <br> 50 | Pct. Urban | Pct. Urban |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 50 |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.067^{* *}$ | 0.030 | -0.022 | 0.206 |
|  | $(0.027)$ | $(0.028)$ | $(0.136)$ | $(0.000)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 2,401 | 2,401 | 898 | 898 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^9]
## Results by Population in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.254^{* * *}$ | $0.161^{* * *}$ | 0.035 | -0.001 |
|  | $(0.040)$ | $(0.054)$ | $(0.044)$ | $(0.039)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,757 | 1,757 | 1,749 | 1,749 |
|  | In RW | In RW | In RW | In RW |
|  | Population | Population | Population | Population |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median in | Median in | Median in | Median in |
| Fixed Effects | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^10]
## Results by Labor Share in Agriculture in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | -0.043 | 0.007 | $0.219^{* * *}$ | $0.225^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.047)$ | $(0.039)$ | $(0.049)$ | $(0.054)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,740 | 1,740 | 1,766 | 1,766 |
|  | Agriculture | Agriculture | Agriculture | Agriculture |
|  | Share | Share | Share | Share |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median in | Median in | Median in | Median in |
| Fixed Effects | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^11]
## Results by Labor Share in Industry in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.207^{* * *}$ | $0.208^{* * *}$ | 0.021 | $0.085^{*}$ |
|  | $(0.048)$ | $(0.053)$ | $(0.049)$ | $(0.044)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,748 | 1,748 | 1,758 | 1,758 |
|  | Industry | Industry | Industry | Industry |
|  | Share | Share | Share | Share |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median in | Median in | Median in | Median in |
| Fixed Effects | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^12]
## Results by Labor Share in Services in 1900

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.248^{* * *}$ | $0.261^{* * *}$ | -0.013 | 0.004 |
|  | $(0.050)$ | $(0.059)$ | $(0.044)$ | $(0.034)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,746 | 1,746 |
|  | Services | Services | Services | Services |
|  | Share | Share | Share | Share |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median in | Median in | Median in | Median in |
| Fixed Effects | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 | 1900 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^13]
## Results by schooling in 1870

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | (4) <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.121^{* *}$ | 0.033 | $0.223^{* * *}$ | $0.141^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.048)$ | $(0.046)$ | $(0.035)$ | $(0.038)$ |
| N | 1,234 | 1,234 | 2,810 | 2,810 |
| Sample | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median | Median | Median | Median |
|  | Years of | Years of | Years of | Years of |
|  | Education <br> Education <br> Education <br> Education <br> in 1870 | in 1870 | in 1870 | in 1870 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^14]
## Results by Numeracy in 1880

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Fertility | Total Fertility | Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.009 \\ (0.041) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.030 \\ (0.039) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.291 * * * \\ (0.047) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.177^{* * *} \\ (0.040) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 1,932 | 1,932 | 2,022 | 2,022 |
| Sample | Above <br> Median <br> Numeracy <br> in 1880 | Above Median Numeracy in 1880 | Below Median Numeracy in 1880 | Below Median Numeracy in 1880 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^15]
## Results by Numeracy in 1900

|  | (1) <br> Total Fertility | (2) <br> Total Fertility | (3) <br> Total Fertility | (4) <br> Total Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.059 \\ & (0.043) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.009 \\ (0.000) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.191^{* * *} \\ (0.059) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.138 * * * \\ (0.040) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 1,740 | 1,740 | 1,726 | 1,726 |
| Sample | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median | Median | Median | Median |
|  | Numeracy | Numeracy | Numeracy | Numeracy |
|  | in 1900 | in 1900 | in 1900 | in 1900 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^16]
## Heterogeneity by Fertility in Neighboring Locations

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.162^{* * *}$ | $0.121^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.036)$ | $(0.031)$ |
| Neighbor Fertility $\times$ In Market Access | 0.012 | -0.020 |
|  | $(0.028)$ | $(0.028)$ |
| N |  | 4,046 |
| Fixed Effects | 4,046 | Yes |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No |  |
| Notes: $* * *$ Significant at 1\%, **Significant at 5\%, *Significant at 10\%. All specifications include <br> a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with <br> decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, <br> population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, <br> maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. |  |  |

## Control for Fertility in Neighboring Locations $\times$ Decade Fixed Effects

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.166^{* * *}$ | $0.138^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.031)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,046 | 4,046 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ***Significant at $1 \%$, **Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. All specifications also control for initial fertility in locations within 500 kilometers, normalized, interacted with decade fixed effects.

## Fertility Access

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| In Weighted Fertility Access $(\theta=8.22)$ | 0.287 | 0.666 |
|  | $(0.640)$ | $(0.437)$ |
| $N$ | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Control for genetic distance from France

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22) 0.130^{* * *}$ | $0.106^{* * *}$ | $0.122^{* * *}$ | $0.093^{* * *}$ |  |
|  | $(0.034)$ | $(0.031)$ | $(0.034)$ | $(0.031)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 3,374 | 3,374 | 3,374 | 3,374 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| France Distance | No | Yes | No | Yes |
|  | None | None | Genetic | Genetic |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. Specifications also include the listed measure of distance from France interacted with decade fixed effects.

## Control for linguistic and religious distance from France

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.169^{* * *}$ | $0.094^{* * *}$ | $0.1499^{* * *}$ | $0.102^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.031)$ | $(0.032)$ | $(0.033)$ | $(0.032)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 3,374 | 3,374 | 3,374 | 3,374 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| France Distance | No | Yes | No | Yes |
|  | Religious | Religious | Linguistic | Linguistic |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. Specifications also include the listed measure of distance from France interacted with decade fixed effects.

## Pairwise Results

|  | (1) <br> AD. Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> AD. Total Fertility | (3) <br> In Fertility Difference | (4) <br> In Fertility Difference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Travel Time | $\begin{gathered} -0.031^{* * *} \\ (0.005) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} -0.006 * * * \\ (0.001) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| In Travel Time |  | $\begin{gathered} -1.359 * * * \\ (0.283) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} -0.238^{* * *} \\ (0.046) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 901,455 | 901,455 | 897,947 | 897,947 |
| Pair and Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Urban and Rural Market Access

|  | (1) <br> Total Fertility | (2) Total Fertility | (3) <br> Total <br> Fertility | (4) Total Fertility | (5) <br> Total <br> Fertility | (6) Total Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Urban Market Access | $\begin{gathered} 0.175 * * * \\ (0.031) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.141^{* * *} \\ (0.031) \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.409 * * * \\ & (0.131) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.262^{* * *} \\ (0.087) \end{gathered}$ |
| In Rural Market Access |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.157 * * * \\ (0.032) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.125^{* * *} \\ & (0.030) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.232^{*} \\ & (0.129) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.120 \\ & (0.082) \end{aligned}$ |
| N | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Mortality Access

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Weighted Mortality Access $(\theta=8.22)$ | $-3.529^{* *}$ | -1.865 |
|  | $(1.396)$ | $(1.332)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## By Life Expectancy in 1870

|  | (1) Total Fertility | (2) Total Fertility | (3) Total Fertility | (4) Total Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.276 * * * \\ (0.043) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.272 * * * \\ (0.047) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.158 * * * \\ (0.032) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.023 \\ (0.038) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 1,753 | 1,753 | 4,056 | 2,291 |
| Sample | Above Median Life | Above Median Life | Below Median Life | Below Median Life |
|  | Expectancy in | Expectancy in | Expectancy in | Expectancy in |
|  | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^17]
## Control for Railway Density

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.153^{* * *}$ | $0.146^{* * *}$ |
| Rail Density | $(0.031)$ | $(0.030)$ |
|  | $-25.722^{* * *}$ | $-21.105^{* * *}$ |
| N | $(7.161)$ | $(5.700)$ |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |
| Controls | 4,056 | 4,056 |
|  | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

[^18]
## Distance from rail

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(3)$ <br> In Rail <br> Distance | $(4)$ <br> In Rail <br> Distance |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Spanning Tree Distance |  |  | -0.064 | -0.023 |
|  |  |  | $(0.041)$ | $(0.032)$ |
| In Node Distance |  | -0.050 | -0.029 |  |
|  |  | $(0.053)$ | $(0.052)$ |  |
| In Rail Distance | $-0.332^{* * *}$ | -0.164 |  |  |
|  | $(0.113)$ | $(0.104)$ |  |  |
| $N$ |  |  |  | 4,163 |
| Nixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,163 | 4,163 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Sectoral Shares



Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results by urbanization in 1830

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Total | Total | Total |
|  | Fertility | Fertility | Fertility | Fertility |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | 0.133*** | 0.143*** | 0.182*** | 0.144*** |
|  | (0.039) | (0.045) | (0.049) | (0.044) |
| N | 2,087 | 2,087 | 1,969 | 1,969 |
| Sample | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median Urbanization | Median Urbanization | Median Urbanization | Median Urbanization |
|  | in 1830 | in 1830 | in 1830 | in 1830 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

[^19]
## Control for the urbanization rate

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Fertility | Total Fertility |

## Urbanization rate as outcome

|  | (1) <br> Urbanization Rate | HYDE <br> Urbanization Rate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $-0.001^{* *}$ | $-0.001^{*}$ |
|  | $(0.001)$ | $(0.000)$ |
| $N$ | 4,133 | 4,133 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * * S i g n i f i c a n t ~ a t ~} 1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Control for Country-Level Education

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.135^{* * *}$ | $0.105^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.043)$ | $(0.037)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 3,665 | 3,665 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Control for Country-Level Numeracy

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.163^{* * *}$ | $0.105^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.031)$ | $(0.029)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 3,463 | 3,463 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Drop Capitals

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $0.161^{* * *}$ <br> $(0.033)$ | $0.121^{* * *}$ |
| N |  | $(0.030)$ |
| Fixed Effects | 3,925 | 3,925 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |
| Notes: |  |  |
| Fixed effects are for location <br> latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average <br> precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by <br> location in parentheses. |  |  |

## Control for initial market access

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

Notes: ***Significant at $1 \%$, **Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. All specifications control for initial market access, interacted with decade fixed effects.

## Results by initial market access

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Total | Total | Total |
|  | Fertility | Fertility | Fertility | Fertility |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.215^{* * *}$ | $0.193^{* * *}$ | 0.007 | 0.018 |
|  | $(0.041)$ | $(0.044)$ | $(0.048)$ | $(0.043)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Sample | 2,434 | 2,434 | 1,622 | 1,622 |
|  | Above | Above | Below | Below |
|  | Median | Median | Median | Median |
|  | 1830 | 1830 | 1830 | 1830 |
| Fixed Effects | Market | Market | Market | Market |
| Controls | Access | Access | Access | Access |
|  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results by coastal



Notes: ${ }^{* * * S i g n i f i c a n t ~ a t ~} 1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Every Long Difference



## Long differences IV: 1870 to 1910



## Event Studies




Notes: This figure shows coefficient estimates from equation (9). All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors are clustered by location.

## Distribution of Market Access



This figure shows a kernel density of log market access across all observations in the sample.

## Alternative Market Access (1/6)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=1)$ | $3.721^{* * *}$ <br> $(0.548)$ | $4.395^{* * *}$ <br> $(0.827)$ |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=3.60)$ |  |  | $0.526^{* * *}$ | $0.437^{* * *}$ |
|  |  |  | $(0.092)$ | $(0.095)$ |
| N |  |  | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative Market Access (2/6)

|  | (1) <br> Total Fertility | (2) <br> Total Fertility | (3) <br> Total Fertility | (4) <br> Total Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=12.86)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.095 * * * \\ (0.019) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.075^{* * *} \\ (0.018) \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1850, \theta=8.22)$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.157 * * * \\ (0.032) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.124^{* * *} \\ (0.030) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Standardized $\beta$ by $\theta$

|  | (1) <br> Total Fertility | (2) <br> Total Fertility | (3) <br> Total Fertility | (4) <br> Total Fertility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.111^{* * *} \\ (0.026) \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=1)$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.272^{* * *} \\ (0.051) \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=3.60)$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.149 * * * \\ (0.032) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=12.86)$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.106 * * * \\ (0.025) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative Market Access (3/6)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{t}, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.131^{* * *}$ | Total Fertility |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $0.103^{* * *}$ |
| N |  | $(0.030)$ |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative Market Access (4/6)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{FT}$ 1830) | $0.158^{* * *}$ | $0.125^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative Market Access (5/6)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=$ Cities in 1830) | $0.173^{* * *}$ | $0.131^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.031)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative Market Access (6/6)

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=$ Cities in 1800) | $0.178^{* * *}$ | $0.130^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.033)$ | $(0.033)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Market Access with Cities in 1850

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=$ Cities 1850) | $0.159^{* * *}$ | $0.129^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| $N$ |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Rail Speed of 30 km per Hour

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22) 30 \mathrm{~km} \mathrm{~h}$ | $0.211^{* * *}$ | $0.169^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.045)$ | $(0.041)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Rail Speed of 120 km per Hour

\(\left.\begin{array}{lcc}\hline \& \begin{array}{c}(1) <br>

Total Fertility\end{array} \& Total Fertility\end{array}\right]\)|  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22) 120 \mathrm{~km} \mathrm{~h}$ | $0.122^{* * *}$ | $(0.023)$ |
|  | $(0.024)$ |  |
| N |  | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | Yes |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## With Border Costs

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access with borders $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=1830)$ | $0.157^{* * *}$ | $0.124^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.031)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## With parameterized market access

|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Fertility | Total <br> Fertility |
| In Parameterized Market Access $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=1830)$ | $0.199^{* * *}$ | $0.160 * * *$ |
|  | $(0.058)$ | $(0.052)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * * S i g n i f i c a n t ~ a t ~} 1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## With Roads

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access with roads $(\theta=8.22, \mathrm{P}=1830)$ | $0.131^{* * *}$ | $0.107^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.031)$ | $(0.029)$ |
| $N$ | 4,056 |  |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | 4,056 |
| Controls | No | Yes |
|  |  | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## With Steam Travel Over Water

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ with steam | $0.156^{* * *}$ | $0.123^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| $N$ |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Conley Standard Errors

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.158^{*}$ |  |
| 250 km | $(0.086)$ | $0.125^{* * *}$ |
| 500 km | $(0.076)$ | $(0.043)$ |
| 750 km | $(0.050)$ | $(0.050)$ |
| 1000 km | $(0.020)$ | $(0.050)$ |
|  |  | $(0.049)$ |
| N | 4,104 | 4,104 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Alternative IV Cutoff Distances



- No Controls $\diamond$ Controls


## Binned scatterplot with quadratic fit: net of fixed effects



This figure represents estimates of equation (1) as a binned scatterplot with 100 bins and allowing log market access to enter quadradically. We residualize both fertility and market access to be net of both location and decade fixed effects. The corresponding binned scatterplot and best quadratic fit are shown.

## In Fertility

|  | In Total Fertility | In Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.007^{* * *}$ | $0.005^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.001)$ | $(0.001)$ |
| $N$ |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Country Trends

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.055^{* *}$ | $0.063^{* *}$ |
|  | $(0.027)$ | $(0.026)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Country-Year Fixed Effects

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.092^{* * *}$ | $0.084^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.025)$ | $(0.026)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 4,044 | 4,044 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Polynomial in latitude and longitude

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br>  <br> In Market Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | $0.148^{* * *}$ | $0.109^{* * *}$ |
| N | $(0.030)$ | $(0.031)$ |
| Fixed Effects |  |  |
| Controls | 4,056 | 4,056 |
|  | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. All specifications additionally control for interactions of decade fixed effects with latitude squared, longitude squared, and the interaction of latitude and longitude.

## Controlling for coal

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(3)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility | $(4)$ <br> Total <br> Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.158^{* * *}$ | $0.124^{* * *}$ | $0.155^{* * *}$ | $0.125^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.031)$ | $(0.030)$ | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| N |  |  |  |  |
| Coal Control | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 | 4,056 |
|  | Coal | Coal | Carbon | Carbon |
| Fixed Effects | Share | Share | Share | Share |
| Controls | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Belgium? Results by Country...



## Results by Country: Coefficient Estimates



## No Belgium

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.159^{* * *}$ | $0.125^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.032)$ | $(0.030)$ |
| $N$ | 3,993 | 3,993 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Smaller Regions Only

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(P=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.231^{* * *}$ | $0.173^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.038)$ | $(0.041)$ |
| $N$ | 2,437 | 2,437 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Large and small city market access

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Big City Market Access | $0.113^{*}$ | 0.043 |
|  | $(0.063)$ | $(0.068)$ |
| In Small City Market Access | $0.114^{* *}$ | $\left(0.131^{* *}\right.$ |
|  | $(0.054)$ | $4,053)$ |
| N | 4,056 | Yes |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No |  |
|  |  |  |
| Notes: ***Significant at $1 \%$, **Significant at 5\%, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include <br> a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with <br> decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, <br> population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, <br> maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. |  |  |

## Restrict Sample by Appearances



## Results by Time Period

|  | $\begin{gathered} (1) \\ \text { Total Fertility } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (2) \\ \text { Total Fertility } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (3) \\ \text { Total Fertility } \end{gathered}$ | (4) Total Fertility | (5) <br> Total Fertility | $\begin{gathered} \frac{(6)}{\text { Total Fertility }} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.242^{* * *} \\ (0.039) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.102^{* * *} \\ (0.038) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.089 \\ (0.133) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.012 \\ (0.057) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.039^{* *} \\ (0.016) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.003 \\ (0.019) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 2,447 | 2,447 | 1,005 | 1,005 | 416 | 416 |
| Period | 1870 to 1910 | 1870 to 1910 | After 1910 | After 1910 | Before 1870 | Before 1870 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Results by fertility transition onset

|  | (1) | (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Fertility | Total Fertility |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.116 * * * \\ (0.024) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.126 * * * \\ (0.026) \end{gathered}$ |
| Fertility Transition X Market Access | $\begin{gathered} -0.171^{* * *} \\ (0.023) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.168^{* * *} \\ (0.026) \end{gathered}$ |
| Fertility Transition | $\begin{gathered} -3.941^{* * *} \\ (0.284) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -2.838^{* * *} \\ (0.306) \end{gathered}$ |
| N | 4,056 | 4,056 |
| Fixed Effects | Yes | Yes |
| Controls | No | Yes |
| Notes: ${ }^{* * * S i g n i f i c a n t ~ a t ~} 1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses. |  |  |

## Before 1914

|  | $(1)$ <br> Total Fertility | $(2)$ <br> Total Fertility |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| In Market Access: $(\mathrm{P}=1830, \theta=8.22)$ | $0.199^{* * *}$ | $0.127^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.024)$ | $(0.026)$ |
| N |  |  |
| Fixed Effects | 2,996 | 2,996 |
| Controls | Yes | Yes |
|  | No | Yes |

Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%, *$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

## Controls: Latitude



## Controls: Longitude



## Controls: Caloric Suitability



## Controls: Wheat Suitability



## Controls: Coast Distance



## Controls: Average Precipitation



## Controls: Ruggedness



## Controls: Altitude



## Controls: Barley Suitability



## Controls: Maize Suitability



## Controls: Oat Suitability



## Controls: Rye Suitability



## Controls: Pop. Density 1830



## Controls: River



## Controls: Area




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[^4]:    Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%, * *$ Significant at $5 \%$, *Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
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[^16]:    Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%,{ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

[^17]:    Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade.
    Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in
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[^18]:    Notes: ${ }^{* * *}$ Significant at $1 \%,{ }^{* *}$ Significant at $5 \%$, ${ }^{*}$ Significant at $10 \%$. All specifications include a constant. Fixed effects are for location and decade. Time-invariant controls interacted with decade fixed effects are latitude, longitude, caloric suitability, coast distance, river, altitude, population density in 1830, area, average precipitation, ruggedness, and suitability for barley, maize, rye, oats and wheat. Standard errors clustered by location in parentheses.

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