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A Schumpeterian Interpretation of Modernization in Reverse

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The aim of this book is to broaden our understanding of technological change by adopting the concept of *technological retrogression*. With reference to concrete cases of technological retrogression a new conceptual framework is developed. The book’s exposition aims at contrasting retrogressive economic dynamics of technological change to progressive dynamics as developed by Schumpeter.

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