## 講演会

## [Economic Revolution: Song China & England]

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## [Abstract]

I claim that China during the Song Dynasty (960 – 1279 AD) (Song China hereafter) experienced the onset of an Economic Revolution, preceding England's by nearly a millennium.

The concept of Economic Revolution is defined to include two types – one Premodern (non-science based) with a low growth rate of per capita product and one Modern (science-based) with a high growth rate of per capita product. It is argued that the Song China vs. England comparison is more relevant than other comparisons with England. Using both the Song China and England episodes, I introduce a new definition of the "onset of an Economic

Revolution" that identifies preliminary social changes, which I call the Embryonic stage. I argue that it is the Embryonic stage that largely causes firm formation, household changes and an increase in the pace of technological innovation. I contend the Embryonic stage more clearly identifies and dates the onset of an Economic Revolution. This has important implications for theories of its cause.

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