

How Can We Understand Chinese Economic Development?

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Growth and Stability Mechanism

- Although problems are piling up, why has China been “stable” as a political regime ?
- Let’s enumerate the possible reasons:
- Distribution is getting unequal; however, most of people in society are the “beneficiaries of Reform and opening-up”
- Chinese nationalism: though socialistic ideology has declined, nationalism is enforced
- Mild reform and virtual freedom

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- Mutual function between growth and stability: Growth maintains stability of society, and a stable society makes growth happen
- Conversely, once growth stops, instability of Chinese society will proceed in a burst
- “Bicycle Operation” theory

Conclusion:

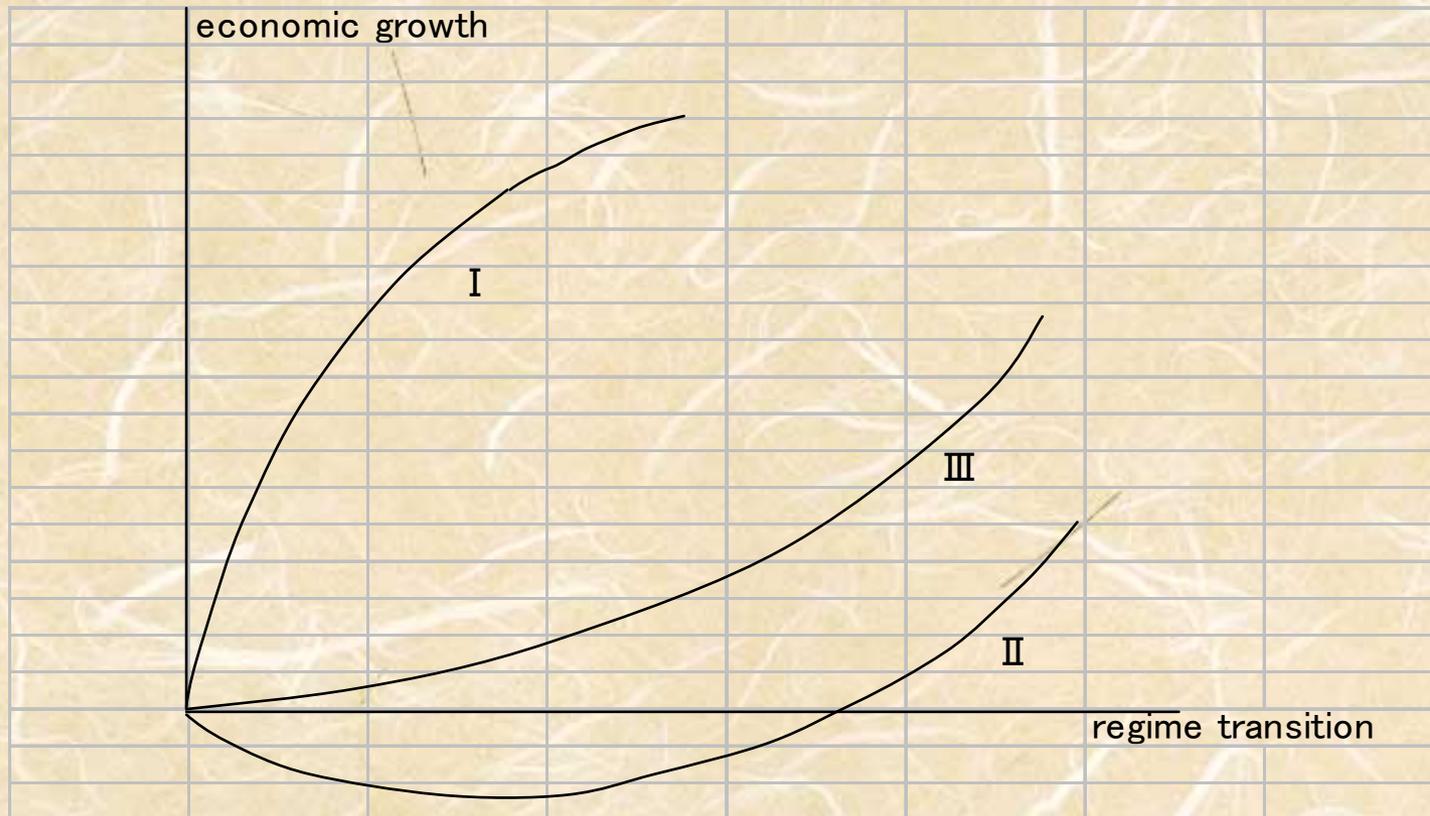
How to think about Chinese Economic Development and Regime Shift?

- What I felt when I discussed with Chinese scholars: gaps in our recognition
- For example, about the rural family register issues
- Or, about sexual discrimination of retired age
- Chinese way

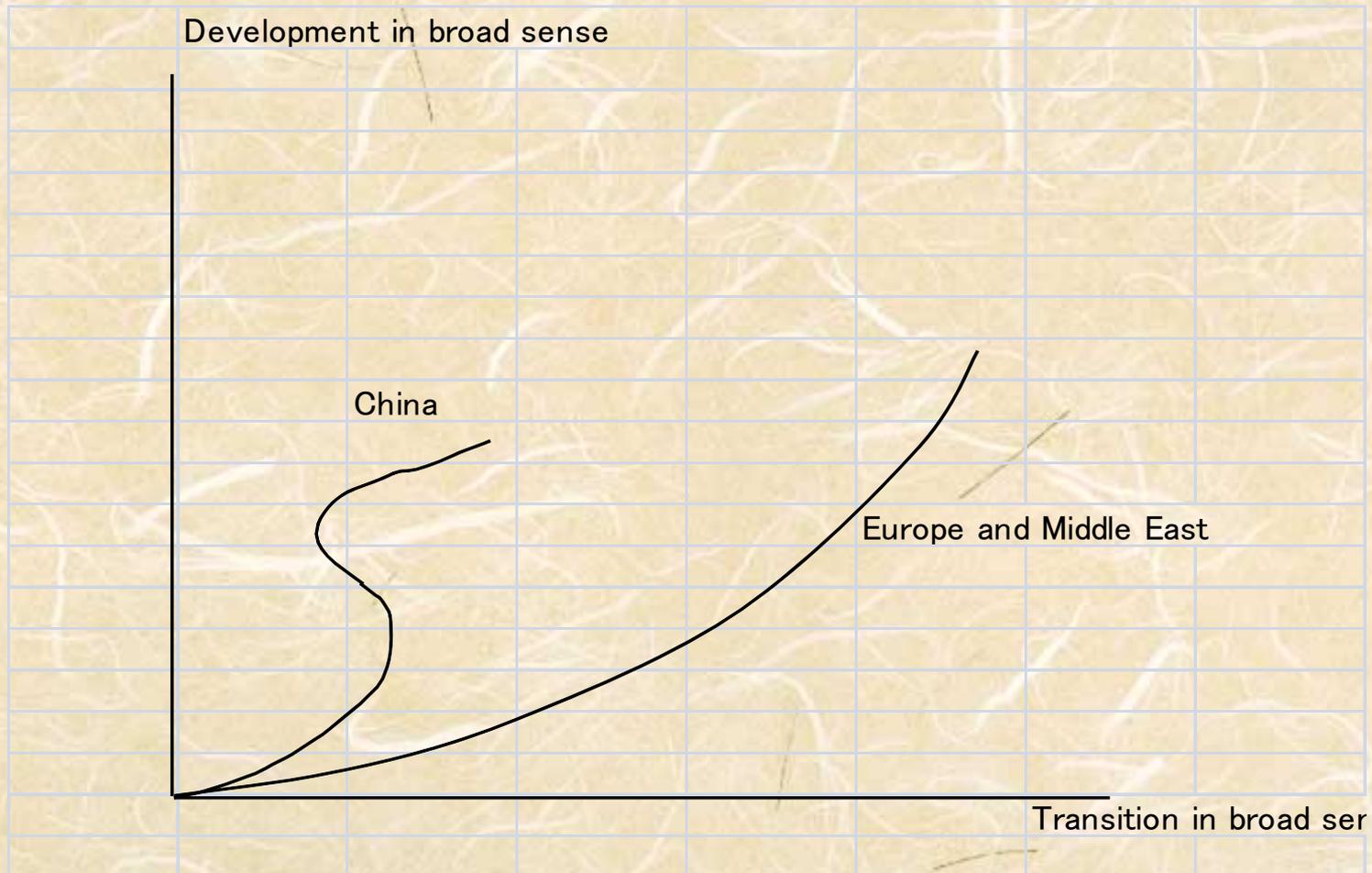
Development and Transition in a Narrow Sense

- China has been seeking development and transition not in a broad sense, but in a narrow sense,
- If we send out questionnaires to 100 students both in Warszawa University and in Peking University . . .

Relationship Between Development in a Narrow Sense and Transition in a Narrow Sense (by Nakagane Watuji)



Development in a Broad Sense and Transition in a Broad Sense (by Nakagane Watuji)



Various Ways

- There is no single way to economic development and transition
- But, in the long run, will various ways converge ?
- After all, is this how to value it?
- Social scientific attitude towards the study of foreign regions
- Warm heart and cool head
- An addition: flexible thinking

Thank you...

- I thank all you for listening to my three lessons
- Did this lecture series help you in any way ?
- Let's discuss some of the issues explained here with Chinese friends

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