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Title: “Trade and the rise of ancient Greek city-states”

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Abstract: This paper theoretically synthesizes the neo-institutionalist, neo-physiocrat, and neo-classical frameworks and helps empirically explain the development of ancient city-states. I first develop a model that clarifies the causal effects of geography and trade on production, appropriation, and defense. I then examine major implication of trade, that potential crop diversity is important for all outcomes, amongst the ancient Greek city-states. An exploratory analysis suggests the magnitude of the gains from trade is fundamental for explaining economic, military, and political development. Non-parametric tests confirm that comparative-advantage variables are statistically significant and not the abundance of ‘key crops’.

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