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I am hard at work on the book but a couple of chapters are yet to be completed. Links to the chapters that are reasonably ready are below. Check out the "[research blog](#)" too where I post additional material and updates, and [follow the book on Twitter](#). I tweet on things historical and non-European above all.

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