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of
HUMANITY

*The Origins of
Wealth and Inequality*

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What are the keys to human progress? In the last two hundred years, stunning advances in health, wealth and lifespan have fundamentally transformed the experience of being human, at least for some. But this was no accident of history. Drawing on a lifetime's investigation, Oded Galor identifies the universal forces behind this change, and so unlocks the mystery of human development.

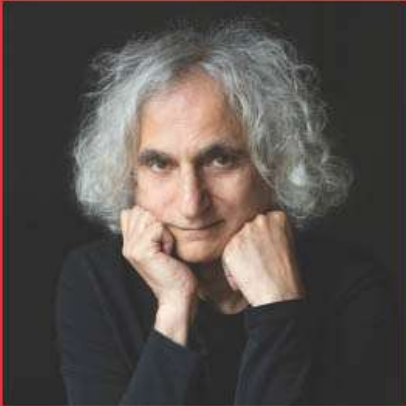
Galor's breakthrough vision upends many assumptions. The game-changing revolution of recent centuries was not industrialisation but mass education; not the era of child labour but the end of it. New technology can enhance living standards – but it has done so only by reducing family size and spurring greater gender equality. Meanwhile, differing levels of diversity, stemming from patterns of human migration tens of thousands of years ago, have been as powerful in determining the fate of nations as colonialism or geography.

How did Europe soar ahead of previously more advanced civilisations such as China and the Ottoman Empire? Why are Bolivia's challenges the opposite of Ethiopia's? Is continued growth compatible with tackling the climate crisis? Making astounding connections across continents and millennia, *The Journey of Humanity* answers all these questions and more in a bold and captivating narrative that reframes our understanding of human history.

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ODED GALOR is Herbert H. Goldberger Professor of Economics at Brown University and the founding thinker behind Unified Growth Theory, which seeks to uncover the fundamental causes of development, prosperity and inequality over the entire span of human history. He has shared the insights of his lifetime's work in this field at some of the most prestigious lectures around the globe and has now distilled those discoveries into *The Journey of Humanity*, which is being published in twenty-eight languages worldwide.

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'A masterful sweep from the origin of our species to the making of the modern world that answers the ultimate mystery. If you liked *Sapiens*, you'll love this'

Lewis Dartnell, author of *Origins*

'Astounding in scope and insight, this book provides a captivating and revelatory account of the deepest currents that have shaped human history, and the keys to the betterment of our species'

Nouriel Roubini, author of *Crisis Economics*

'I am in awe of Oded Galor's attempts to explain inequality today as a consequence of such profound forces. A remarkable contribution to our understanding of this mammoth dilemma'

Jim O'Neill, author of *The Growth Map*

'This deeply argued book brilliantly weaves the threads of global economic history. A tour de force!'

Dani Rodrik, author of *Straight Talk on Trade*

'An engaging and optimistic answer to anyone who thinks that poverty and inequality will always be with us'

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