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Pre-modern Family Institutions and Origins of Implicit Contract in Japanese Corporate Culture: A Case Study of the Sumitomo Group

Funded by HKRGC, this project intends to investigate the relationship between pre-modern family institutions and the initial organisation of capitalism. Our point of departure is the inheritance system which, under the traditional Japanese notion of the family, featured separability of ownership from descent and a male heir adoption practice.

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