A HISTORY OF GLOBAL HISTORY

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Abstract. The trend of global history, which developed for thirty years in the US, brings valuable methodological and epistemological innovations. This trend is very fecund and dynamic. It gave rise to a large number of publications and to the creation of numerous research institutions in the US. The "global" approach is also more and more used in Europe. But it is important to notice that many of the innovations of global history are in fact not really new, but borrow their principles and methods to previous trends, like compared history or transnational history. And we have to be vigilant concerning the possible ideological motivations present in the works of global history.

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