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Islands as 'bad geography': Insularity, connectedness, history and trade costs

This study - joint with Anna Maria Pinna - explores how geography can be changed by history. We focus the analysis on islands and on how insularity is related to high level of trade costs. After controlling for many geographical characteristics, for unobservable heterogeneity and for spatial connectedness, we show that islands that were touched by navigation routes between 1662 and 1855, especially the ones that gave shelter to vessels that anchored and stopped in ports, show lower trade costs today, with respect to similar islands that were not involved in historical navigation routes.



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