

Comments about "Gold, France, and the Great Depression, 1919-1932 (Yale, 1997)"

"Johnson has provided the first systematic study of the important, possibly pervasive, role played by French monetary policy in forcing a major deflation of the world economy which may account, in large measure, for the depth of the depression. Subsequent work on the Great Depression will, I believe, acknowledge his pioneering work." - Gail E. Makinen, Library of Congress

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"Gold, France, and the Great Depression, 1929-1932 introduces a new player into the persistent efforts of economic historians to understand the disastrous 1930s. . . . The publication of this book heralds the arrival of a first-rate interpreter of modern financial complexity." - Charles Kindleberger, Professor of Economics, emeritus, MIT

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"This is an important book on the boundaries of economics and history. Its description of the French role in the demise of the interwar gold standard is new and likely to be controversial. Johnson's book is well written, with full command of the relevant economic theory, and quite convincing. It is a major contribution to the literature on the interwar gold standard and the origins of the Great Depression." - Willem H. Buiter, most recently Chief Economist at Citibank.

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I came across a reference to your book, started reading it, and was blown away. I found your book so stunning that I literally could not put it down. Not only was it completely eye opening to me, but it was very clear and effectively written... I wanted to thank you for your absolutely compelling and remarkable book, which inspired me to repeat your basic message in my paper. It is something that too few economists know about, even experts on the Great Depression. - Doug Irwin, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth University