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- 5. Imperialism, Globalization, and Inequality: The Indian Story, in Joseph Inikori, ed., *British Imperialism and Globalization: Essays in Honor of Patrick K. O'Brien*, Boydell and Brewer, 2021.
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