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III) Title of Selected Paper: *Between Unity and Diversity: Theorizing Polymorphous
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IV) Title of Selected Paper: *The Divergence of Modern Trajectories and the Inevitability of Their
Criticism, or What Has Become of Modernization Theory?*

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V) Title of Selected Paper: *World Society, Modern Society, and the Convergence/Divergence
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