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its economics and culture, he seeks to contribute to the theoretical (academic) and practical (political) defense of Western civilization.