

Science and the industrial revolution

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The topic “Science and the Industrial Revolution” has been much discussed. I would just like to address a few aspects of the topic that are of particular interest to the history of science and that, I believe, have not yet been sufficiently discussed. At the center of my short and often very pointed remarks is the question: How did some sciences –here Mechanics and Chemistry –develop in the early modern period of the West in such a way that they became what they are today, namely an indispensable factor of material production and thus of modern civilization.

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