转口港经济与日内瓦的比较

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日内瓦和新加坡早期的商业繁荣，都建立在商人网络之上。这些商人彼此信任，是因为他们属于同一个社群。在日内瓦，由银行家和商人组成的“新教国际”将日内瓦与里昂、巴黎、阿姆斯特丹和伦敦连接起来。在新加坡，华人侨民的方言群体、阿拉伯商人的哈德拉毛网络以及孟加拉湾的朱利亚商人发挥着同样的作用。在这两种情形中，网络都承载着信贷、信息和人员跨越政治边界流动。

差异在于网络的数量和国家的角色。日内瓦的商业精英在宗教和文化上相对同质，而新加坡的转口港从一开始就是多个网络的交汇之地，每个网络都有自己的语言、宗教和机构。新加坡的殖民国家为这些网络的交汇提供了中立的框架：一个自由港、一所法院和一支警察队伍。各社群的内部组织则基本交由其自身的领袖处理。由强大的国家保障共同框架、多元社群自行管理内部事务，这种安排是转口港经济留下的持久遗产之一。

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数据一览

抵达新加坡的中式帆船吨位：1841–1842年为18,400吨，1865–1866年为3,280吨。瓦乔武吉斯船只：1824年90艘，1825年约120艘，19世纪30年代每年约200艘帆船（prahu），每艘约有船员30人。阿拉伯居民：1824年15人，1871年465人。1824年人口普查中的印度籍居民：756人。陈笃生1844年向华人贫民医院的捐款：5000元。东南亚在新加坡贸易总额中的占比：1825年为48%，1865年为43%（黄麟根）。[1]

注释

1. Wong Lin Ken，“Singapore: Its Growth as an Entrepot Port, 1819–1941”，经Cambridge Core访问，2026年9月：1825年东南亚占贸易总额的48%，1865年为43%。 ↩

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