



History of Finnish wellbeing

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Tuovilanlahti, Northern Savonia, Finland. Girls and boys stand in line in front of a public school. Photographer: Ahti Rytkönen. Original photo: University of Jyväskylä, OSC, University Museum collections. From publication: Riina Turunen & Jari Ojala (ed. 2024), Rajaseudun asutus ja elämisen ehdot.

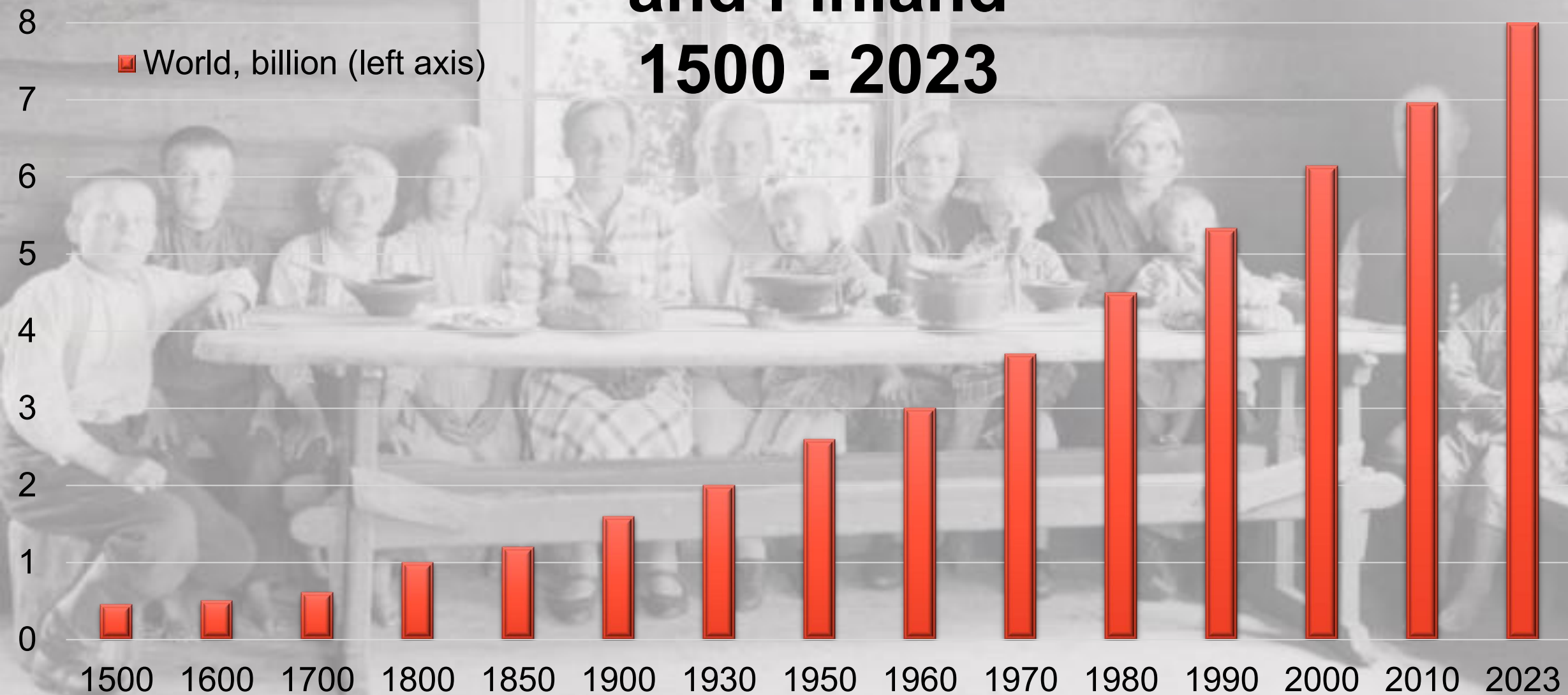


The 11 children of Kokkonen family at 1924. Museums of Varkaus, A. Ahlström LTD collection/
Ivar Ekström. From publication: Turunen & Ojala, 2024. Suomen väkiluku: Voutilainen & al., 2020.



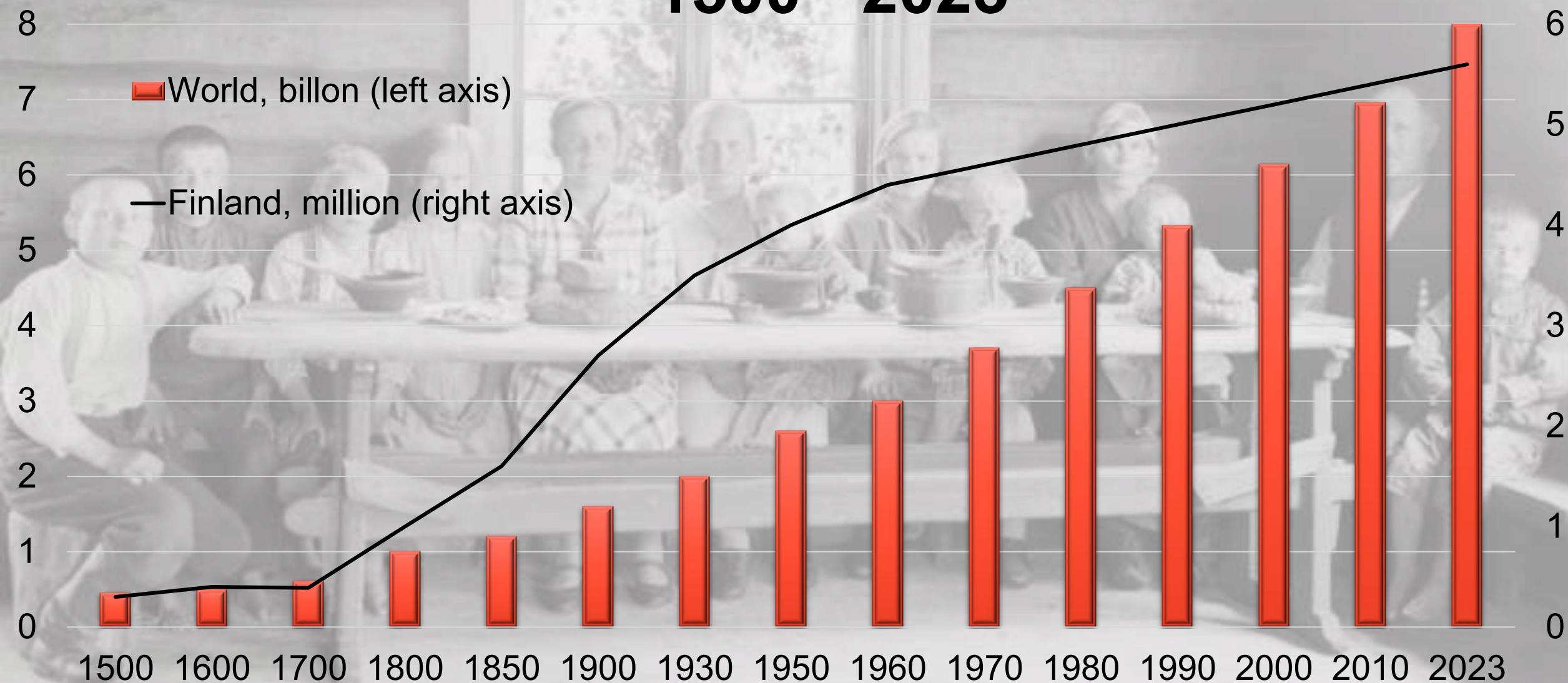
Population of the world and Finland 1500 - 2023

■ World, billion (left axis)



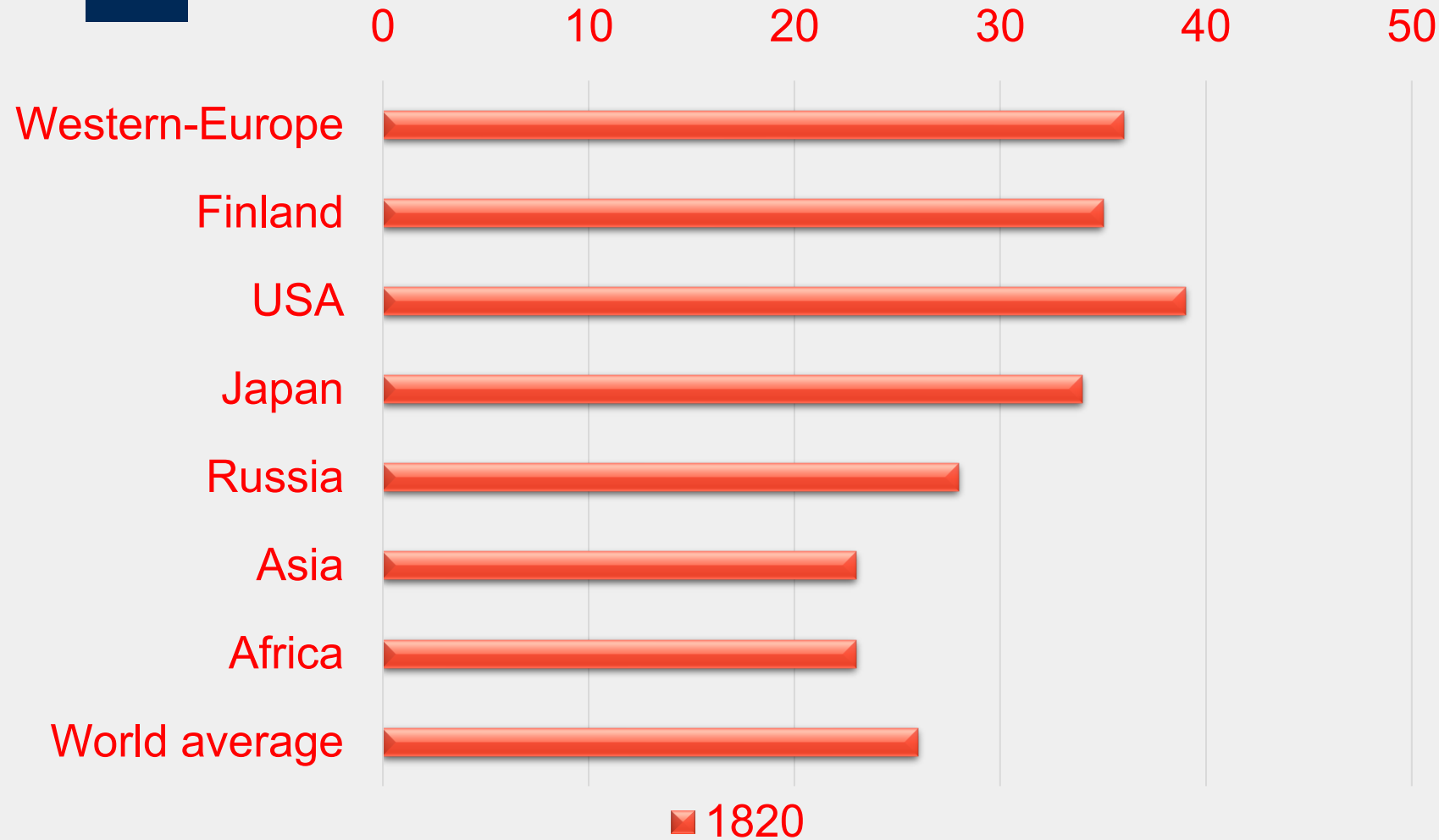


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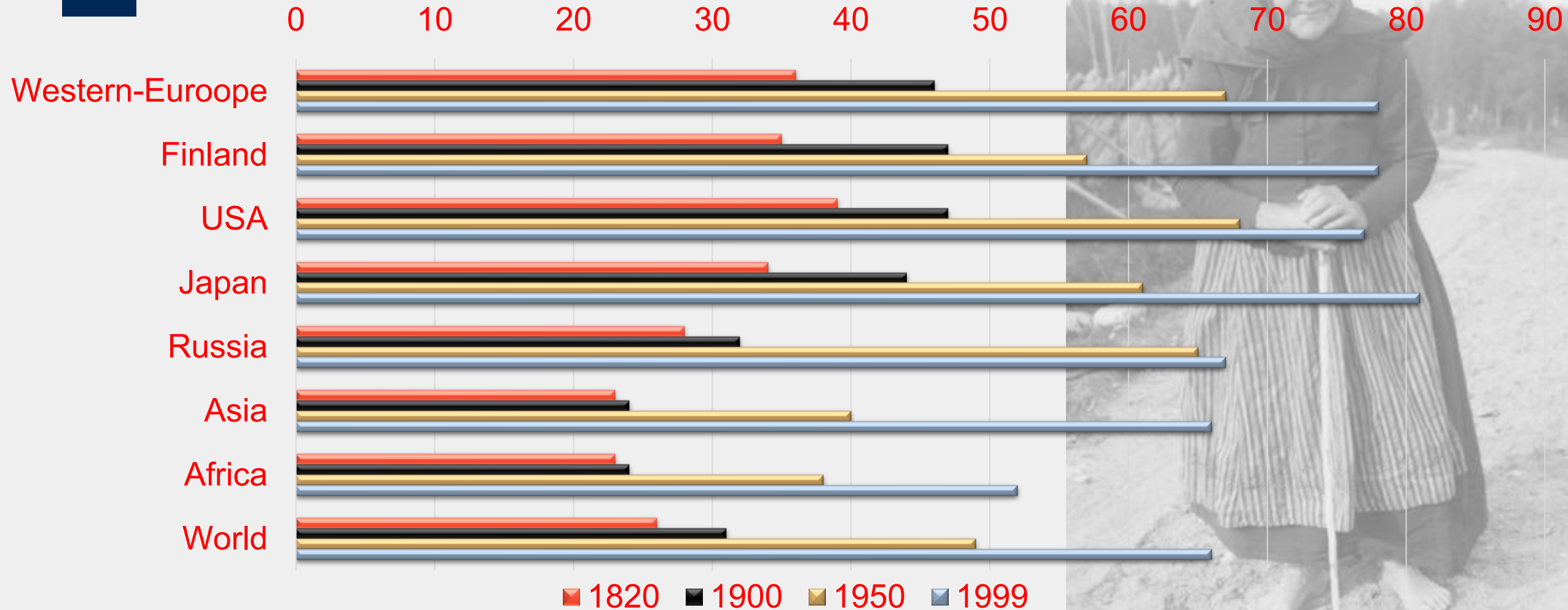
Life expectancy, years



Picture: Anna Moisanen 1920. Museums of Varkaus, A. Ahlström Ltd. collection/Ivar Ekström. Published: Turunen & Ojala, 2024.
Figure: Zijdeman & de Silva 2014; Baten & Blum 2014; Schön 2015; Fogel & Costa 1997; Huttunen 2021.



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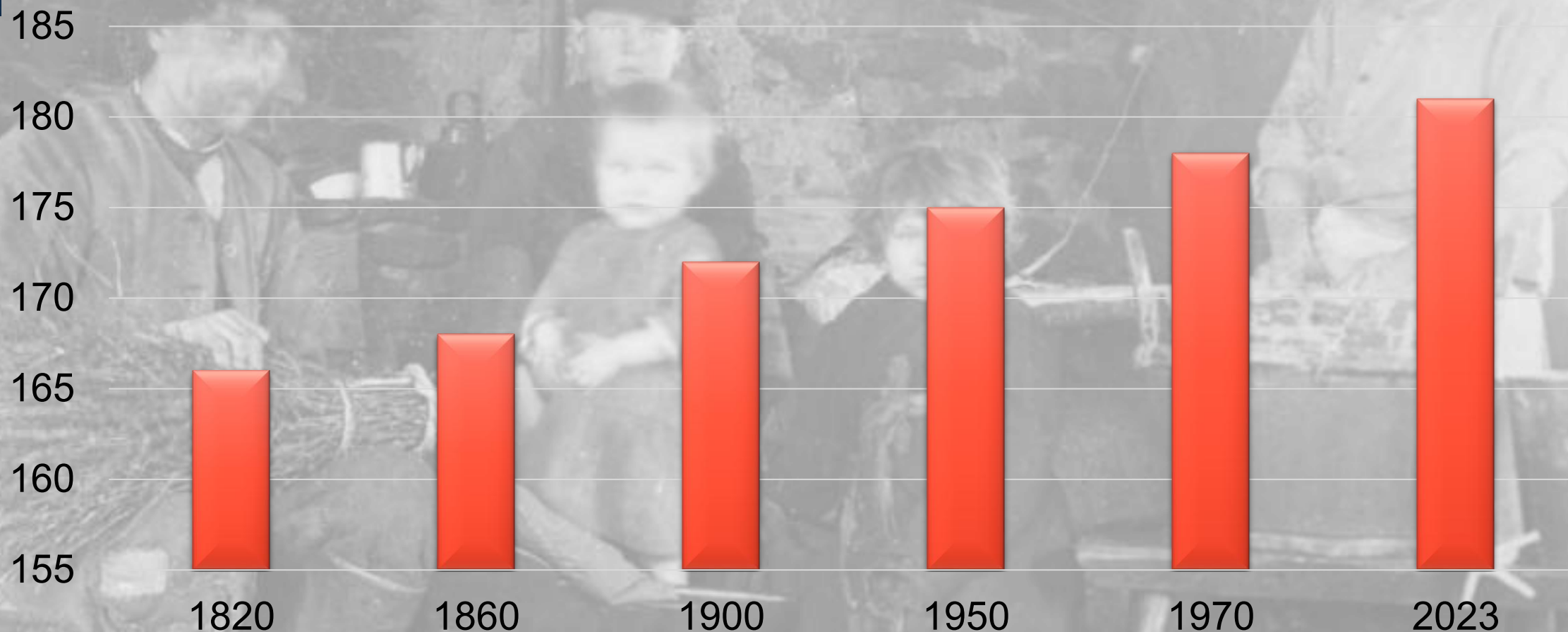
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The average height of men (Sweden and Finland area)

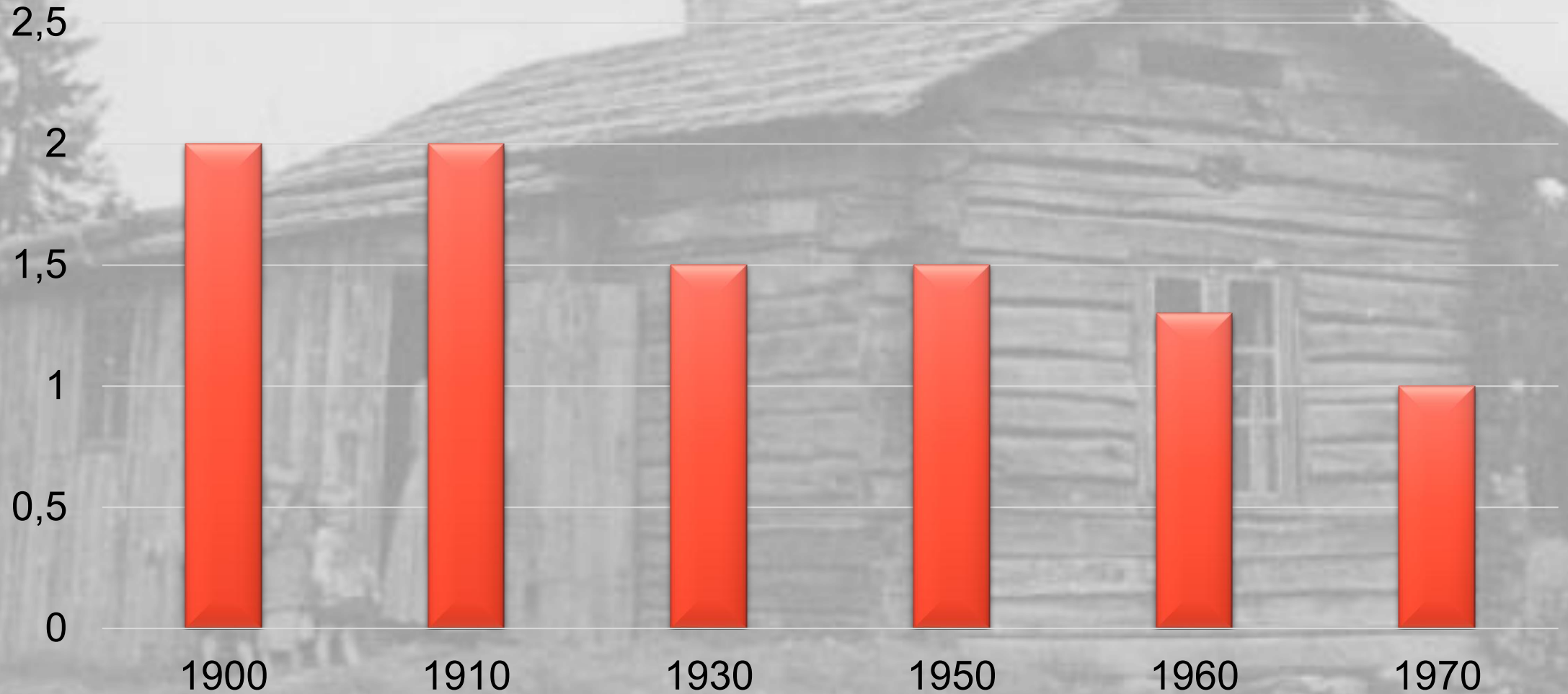


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Figure: Floud, Fogel & al., 2021, p.229; NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC) (2016) A century of trends in adult human height *eLife* 5:e13410.



Persons living per room in Finland 1900 - 1970



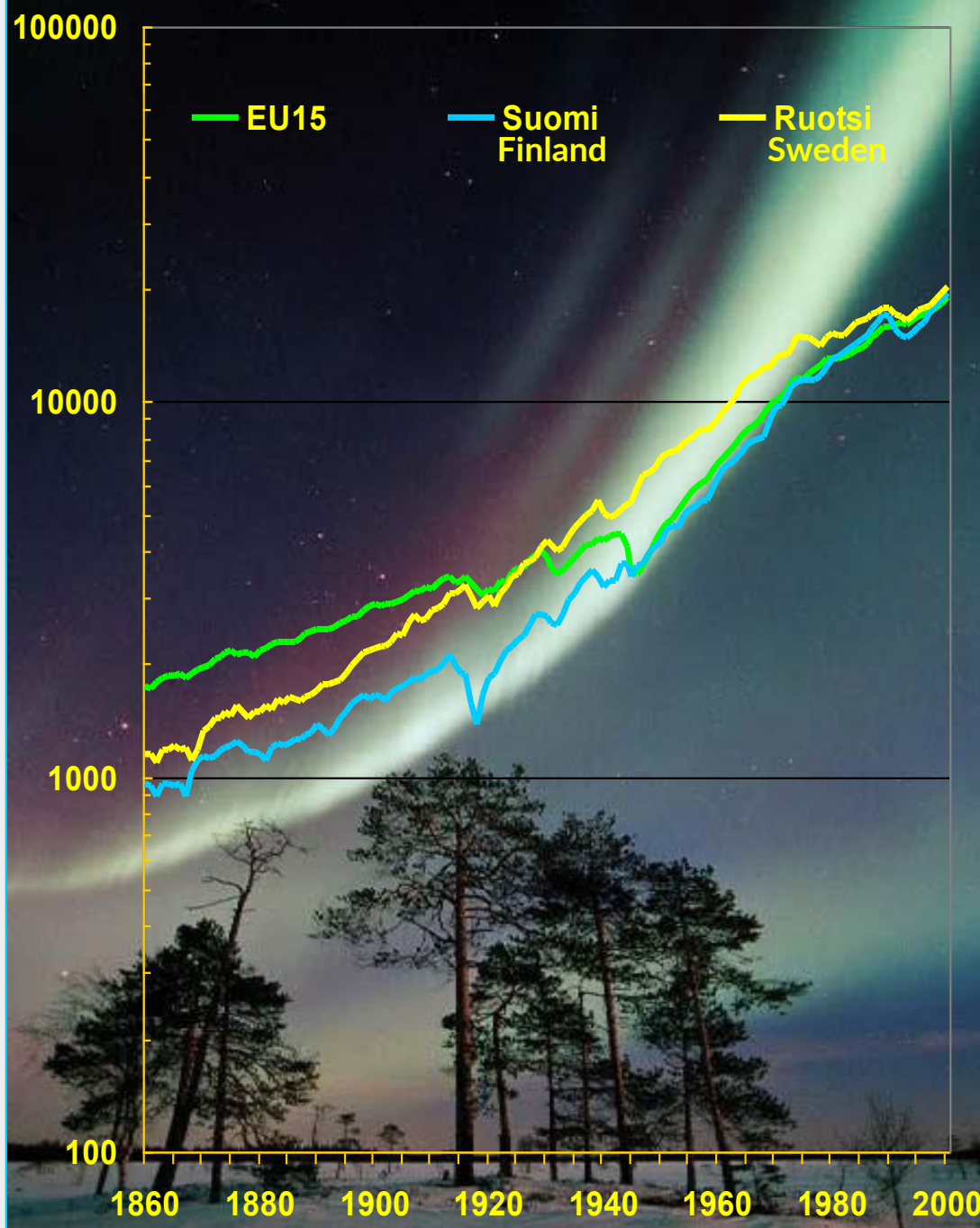
Picture: Wooden cabin of Perälä in Varpaisjärvi 5.8.1939. Photographer: Ahti Rytönen, University of Jyväskylä, OSC, University Museum collections. Publication: Turunen & Ojala, 2024.

Figure: Floud, Fogel & al., 2021



Picture: Father and three happy children.

Photographer: Ahti Rytkönen, University of Jyväskylä, OSC, University Museum collections. From publication: Turunen & Ojala, 2024.



The great increase of prosperity

Finland as the catch-up grower in areas of wellbeing, wealth and prosperity.

Today, Finland is one of the forerunners

The equal opportunities to education and succeed have created the platform for wide based civic knowledge, freedom of choice and equal worklife opportunities.

Figure: Hjerppe & Jalava, 2006.



**Picture: Family is detaching the Pine Bark 1918. Museums of Varkaus, A. Ahlström Ltd. Collection/
Ivar Ekström. From publication by: Turunen & Ojala, 2024.**



Population living in absolute poverty in the world

The percentage (%) of the whole population

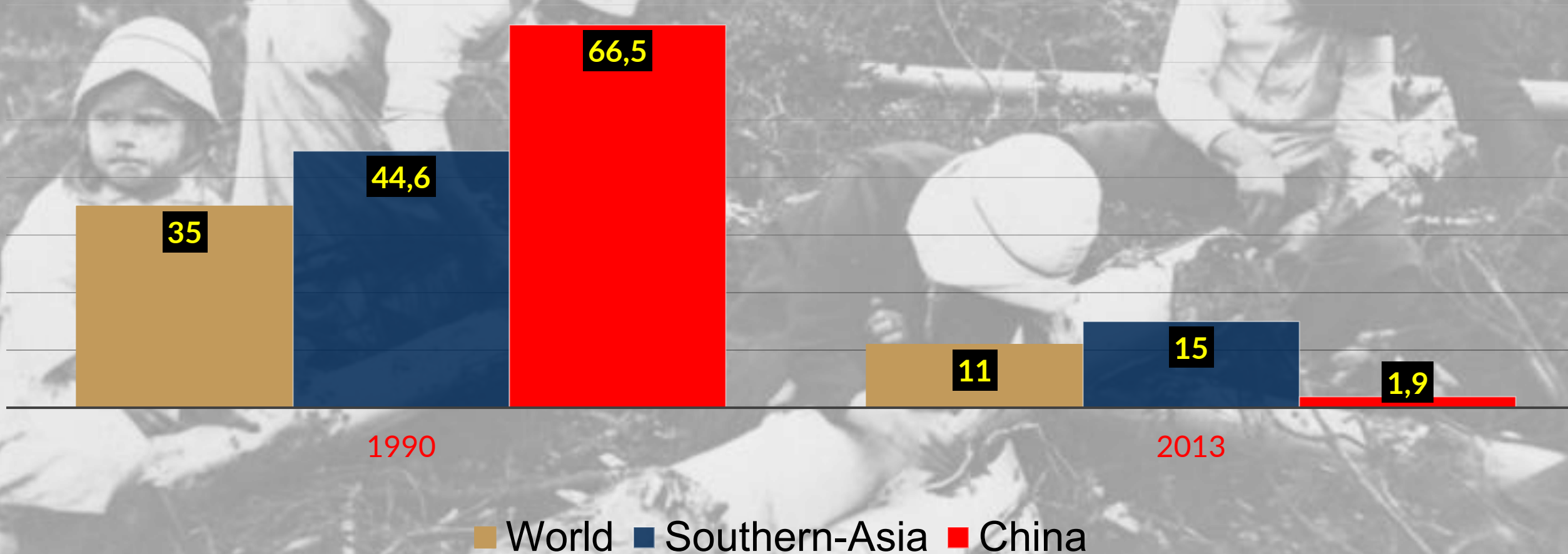
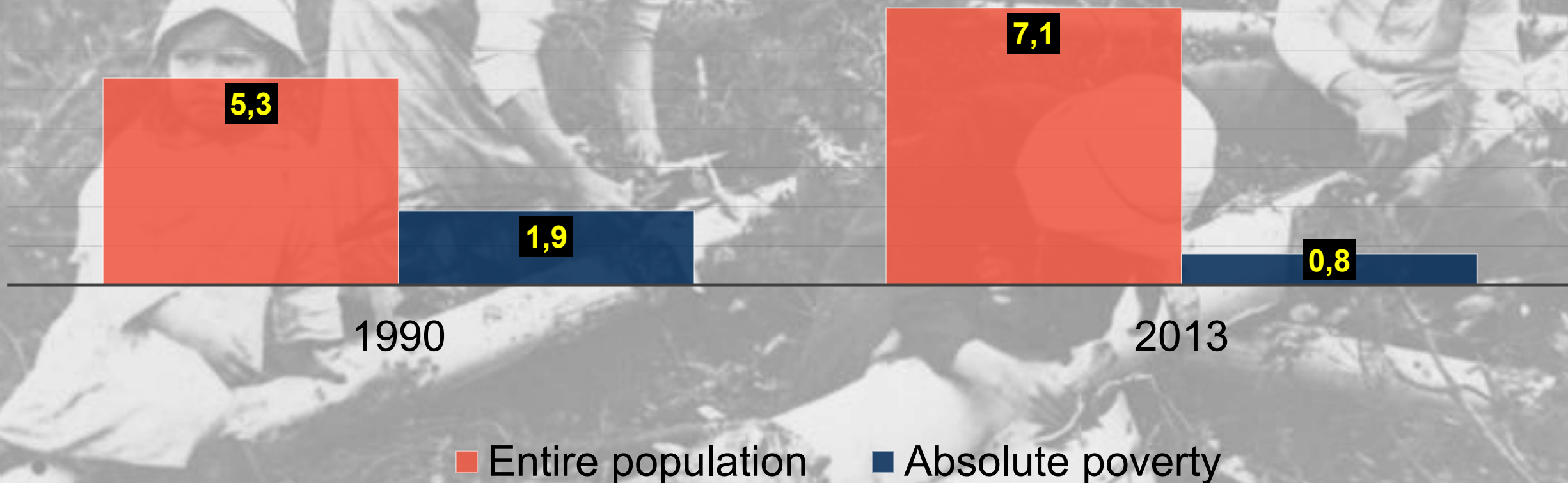


Figure: UNDP 2017 (<http://report.hdr.undp.org/>), HS 3.3,2017



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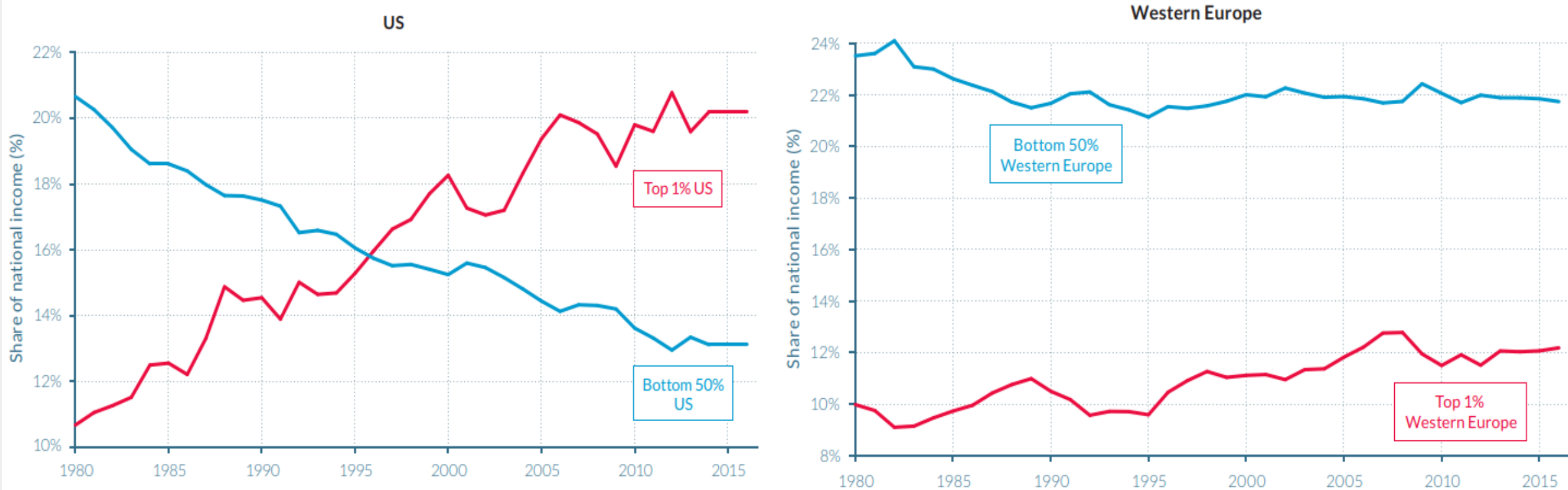
Amount of population (N), billions





Top 1 % income in various countries and areas

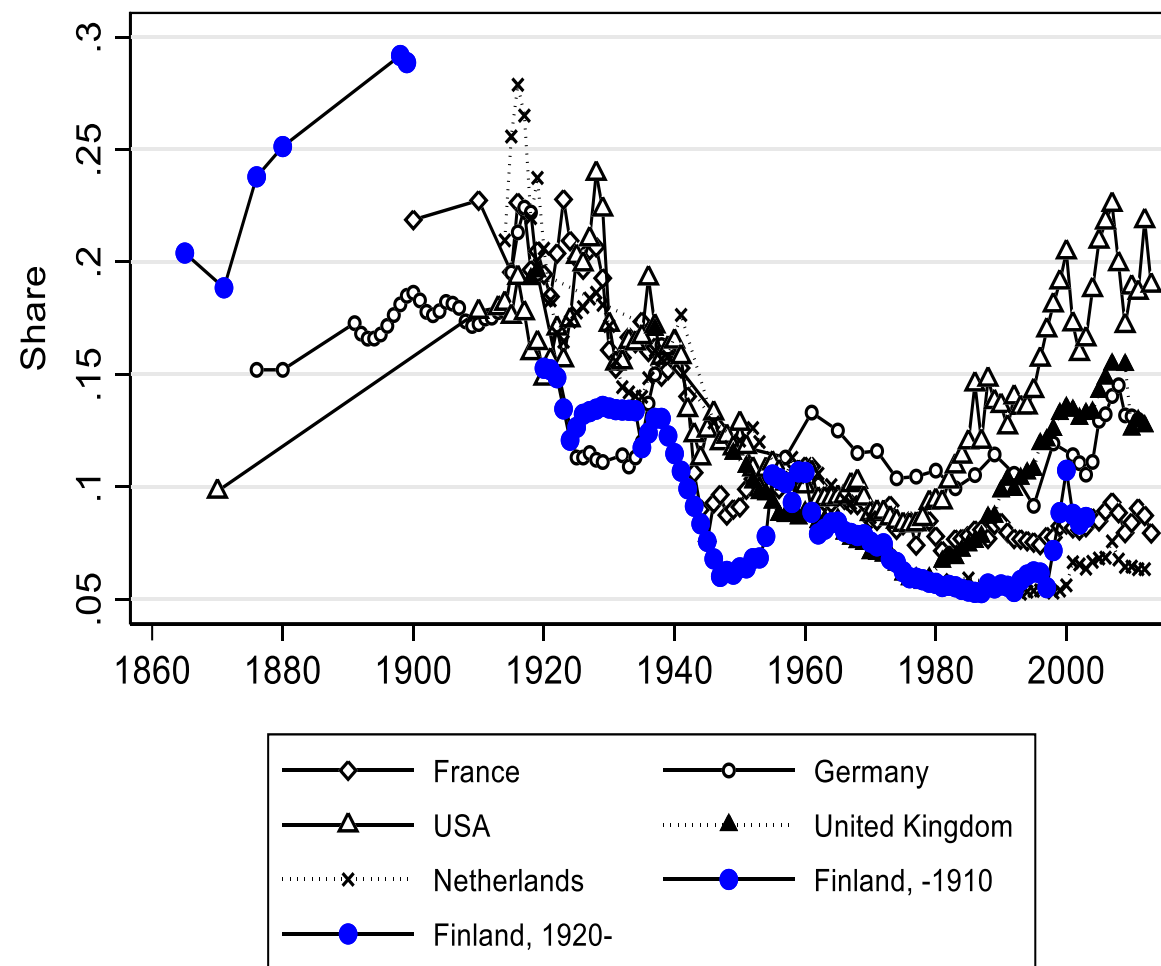
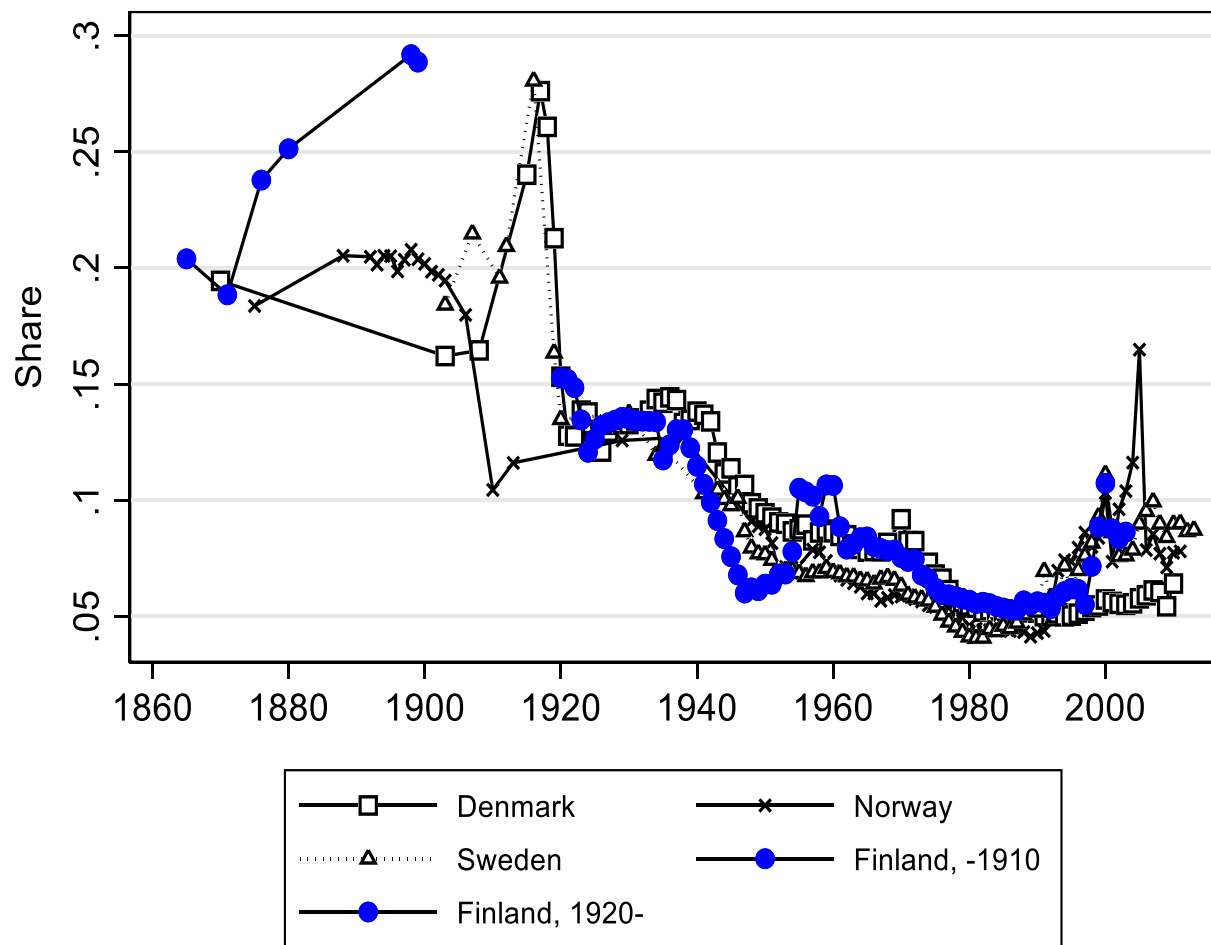
Top 1% vs. bottom 50% in the US and Western Europe, 1980-2016



Sources: Presentation of the World Inequality Report 2018, Figure 2.1.3. (World Inequality Lab, December 14, 2017); Roikonen, Eloranta & Ojala, 2021.



Income differences have leveled, and increased again



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Thank you!



Picture: Finnish Heritage Agency, "Children on skis" 1976, Palminkoski Unto