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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Feb. 8 and 9 the Department of History and the Social Science Division will host visiting scholar Robert Marks on Illinois Wesleyan University's campus.

Marks is the Deihl Professor of History at Whittier College in Whittier, Calif. and author of the book *The Origins of the Modern World: A Global and Ecological Narrative*.

Marks's lecture, "The Modern World: Inevitable or Contingent?" will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Natural Sciences (CNS) in room C-101 (201 E. Beecher St.). He will address the themes of the centrality of Asia in the first wave of globalization; the environmental factors in shaping human activity and historical change.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m., Marks will present his most recent research in a lecture sponsored by Asian Studies and Environmental Studies in CNS room C-102. His lecture is entitled, "Environmental Change and Its Dilemmas in Modern China: A Long-term Historical Perspective."

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