**Title:** Diversity in Cultural Values and their Agricultural Origins

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**Abstract:** Building on a recent literature that has uncovered the deep-rooted geographic origins of contemporary variation in specific cultural values, we study more broadly whether spatial variation in cultural values is related to agroclimatic conditions and historical patterns of agriculture. We provide systematic evidence that regions of the world, where spatial variation in suitability of land for agriculture is higher, exhibit today higher levels of diversity in cultural values. This pattern is present both across and within countries, is robust to the potential endogeneity of agricultural conditions to economic development and is visible even when we control for ethnolinguistic and other dimensions of societal diversity. Overall, our results are supportive of the emerging consensus that contemporary variation in cultural values that we see around the globe has a deep-rooted origins that go back many centuries and have been shaped by historical patterns of economic and social life (Ashraf & Galor, 2018; Falk et al., 2018; Michalopoulos et al., 2019; Becker et al., 2020; Nunn, 2020). Our work compliments this literature by documenting this pattern over a broad range of cultural values and going beyond cross-country variation in cultural values.