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WHY THE CORONAVIRUS WAS TACKLED
SO DIFFERENTLY ACROSS THE GLOBE

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Why have countries taken such different approaches to fighting COVID? How have assumptions about behaviour, or political cultures, shaped responses? Peter Baldwin draws on the history of public health to produce a wide ranging analysis which helps us understand such surprising national divergences and outcomes.

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