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Pritchett's important articles on the World Bank's Cost of Doing Business Index include *Doing Business in a Deals World: The doubly false premise of rules reform* (2019) and *How Business is Done in the Developing World: Deals versus Rules* (2015).