

Week 8: Commerce and Culture 500 to 1500 CE

Key point: Although most people in the Third Wave Era produced for local consumption, long distance trade increased. The resulting cross-cultural interaction led to political and cultural change for many societies. No one region dominated trade in this period.

- New and renewed civilizations of the Third Wave Era
- Comparison of Silk, Sea, and Sand roads based on location, modes of travel, types of goods exchanged, political and cultural change.

Question: ‘Political and cultural change derived often from commercial exchange in the third-wave era.’ What evidence from this lecture supports this observation?