

## Contents

*List of figures* xii  
*List of maps* xiv  
*List of table* xv  
*List of contributors* xvi  
*Preface* xix

I · Introduction I

BENJAMIN Z. KEDAR AND MERRY E. WIESNER-HANKS

PART I:  
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS

2 · Humans and the environment: tension and co-evolution 43

JOACHIM RADKAU

3 · Women, family, gender, and sexuality 70

SUSAN MOSHER STUARD

4 · Society: hierarchy and solidarity 94

SUSAN REYNOLDS

5 · Educational institutions 116

LINDA WALTON

6 · Warfare 145

CLIFFORD J. ROGERS

*Contents*

PART II:  
 EURASIAN COMMONALITIES

- 7 · Courtly cultures: western Europe, Byzantium, the Islamic world,  
 India, China, and Japan 179  
 PATRICK J. GEARY, DAUD ALI, PAUL S. ATKINS, MICHAEL COOPERSON,  
 RITA COSTA GOMES, PAUL DUTTON, GERT MELVILLE, CLAUDIA RAPP,  
 KARL-HEINZ SPIEB, STEPHEN WEST AND PAULINE YU
- 8 · The age of trans-regional reorientations: cultural crystallization  
 and transformation in the tenth to thirteenth centuries 206  
 BJÖRN WITTRÖCK

PART III:  
 GROWING INTERACTIONS

- 9 · Trade and commerce across Afro-Eurasia 233  
 RICHARD SMITH
- 10 · European and Mediterranean trade networks 257  
 MICHEL BALARD
- 11 · Trading partners across the Indian Ocean: the making of  
 maritime communities 287  
 HIMANSHU PRABHA RAY
- 12 · Technology and innovation within expanding webs of exchange 309  
 DAGMAR SCHÄFER AND MARCUS POPFLOW
- 13 · The transmission of science and philosophy 339  
 CHARLES BURNETT
- 14 · Pastoral nomadic migrations and conquests 359  
 ANATOLY M. KHAZANOV

PART IV:  
 EXPANDING RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS

- 15 · The centrality of Islamic civilization 385  
 MICHAEL COOK

*Contents*

16 · Christendom's regional systems 415  
 MIRI RUBIN

17 · The spread of Buddhism 447  
 TANSEN SEN

PART V:  
 STATE FORMATIONS

18 · State formation and empire building 483  
 JOHANN P. ARNASON

19 · State formation in China from the Sui through the Song dynasties 513  
 RICHARD VON GLAHN

20 · The Mongol Empire and inter-civilizational exchange 534  
 MICHAL BIRAN

21 · Byzantium 559  
 JEAN-CLAUDE CHEYNET

22 · Early polities of the Western Sudan 586  
 DAVID C. CONRAD

23 · Mesoamerican state formation in the Postclassic period 610  
 MICHAEL E. SMITH

24 · State and religion in the Inca Empire 638  
 SABINE MACCORMACK

25 · "Proto-globalization" and "Proto-glocalizations" in the Middle  
 Millennium 665  
 DIEGO OLSTEIN

*Index* 685