

Circulation of Technology and Commodities in the Atlantic and Pacific

This part serves as a main node to link the economic performance of China and Japan economies and commerce in the South China Sea and South-East Asia, as well as the trans-Pacific trade, mainly through the route that followed the Manila-Acapulco galleons connecting East Asian markets with those from the Atlantic reaching European regions. Special attention is paid to changes in consumer behaviour, which definitively, as an important sub-field in global history, played a crucial role in last decades. The circulation of technologies, raw materials and ready-made products, as well as different forms of knowledge fostered market integration between East Asian zones and those from the Americas and Europe. Under the framework of a big administration system of the Spanish Empire, the control of institutions and forms of knowledge, such as books, prints, engravings, etc., through political elites, was crucial to efficiently apply such knowledge to develop new technologies and therefore a sustainable model of economic growth at the dawn of the era of European industrialization.