

**The Big Picture I:
From Afro- Eurasia to the World,
ca. 1200 to 1700**

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Mongolian Expansion, 1200s



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Mongolian horsemen,
15th-century Arabic
Compendium of Chronicles

Sir Geoffrey Luttrell on his war horse and
In armor, with his two daughters.

Luttrell Psalter, ca. 1320-1340



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HEIGHT OF THE MONGOL CONQUESTS, CA. 1260 CE



Pope Innocent IV sends an embassy to Güyük Khan. Illuminated French manuscript, ca. 1400-1410

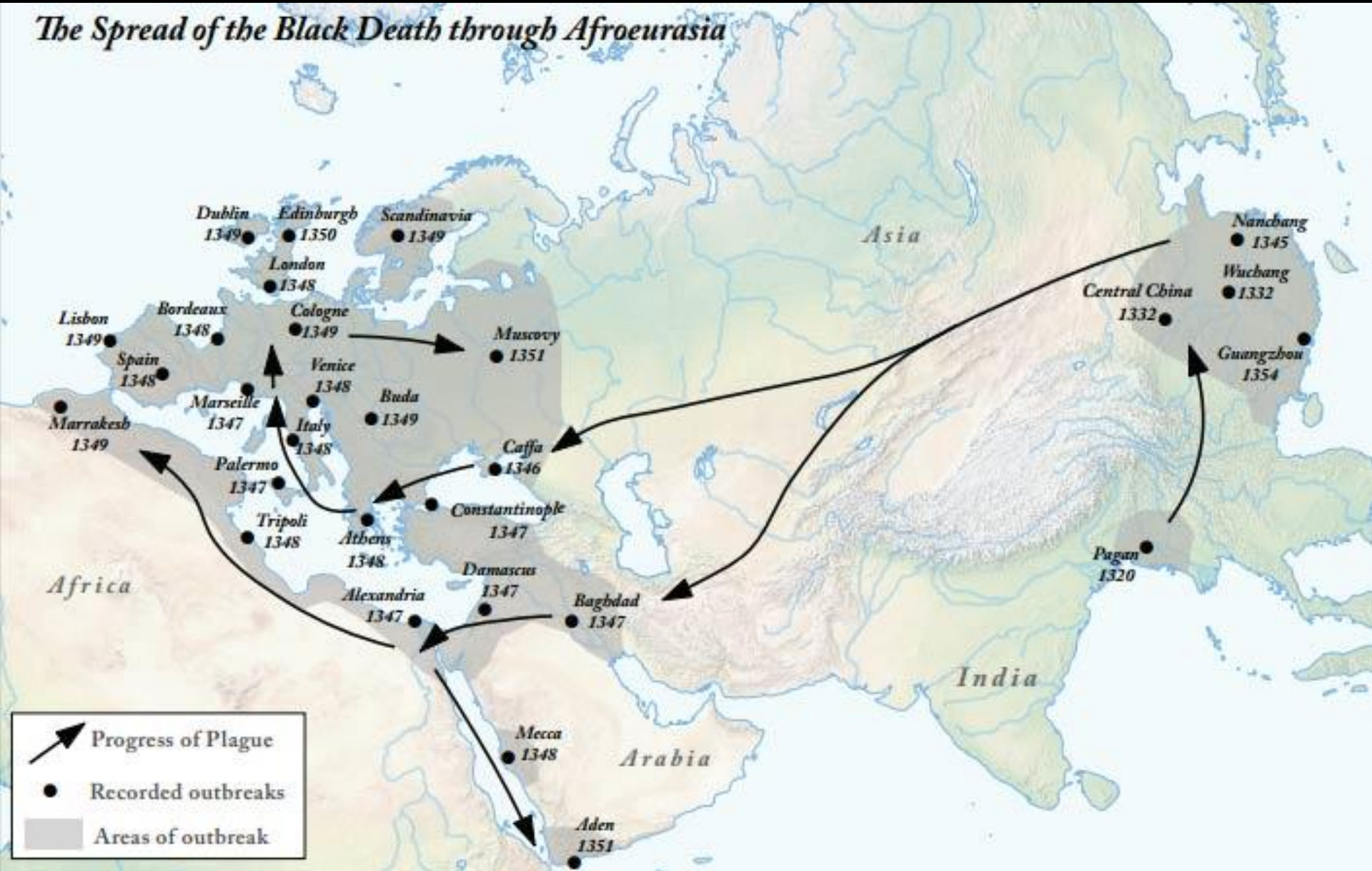
Güyük's response to Innocent, 1246.
Vatican Secret Archives



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Güyük at a feast.
illuminated Persian
manuscript, 1438

The Spread of the Black Death through Afroeurasia



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Global population change in the 14th century

Source: Robert Tignor, et al.,
Worlds Together, Worlds Apart,
4th ed., 2014, p. 410

Location	Population Figures	Across the Fourteenth Century	% Change
By Regions			
Europe	80 m in 1346	30 m in 1353	-60%
Asia	230 m in 1300	235 m in 1400	+2%
Islam	(regional data are not available)		
By Countries			
Spain	6 m in 1346	2.5 m in 1353	-60%
Italy	10 m in 1346	4.5 m in 1363	-55%
France	18 m in 1346	7.2 m in 1353	-60%
England	6 m in 1346	2.25 m in 1353	-62.5%
China	115 m in 1200	75 m in 1400	-35%
Japan	9.75 m in 1300	12.5 m in 1400	+28%
Korea	3 m in 1300	3.5 m in 1400	+17%
India	91 m in 1300	97 m in 1400	+6.5%
By Cities			
London	100,000 in 1346	37,000 in 1353	-62.5%
Florence	92,000 in 1346	37,250 in 1353	-59.5%
Siena	50,000 in 1346	20,000 in 1353	-60%
Bologna	50,000 in 1346	27,500 in 1353	-45%
Cairo	500,000 in 1300	300,000 in 1400	-40%
Damascus	80,000 in 1300	50,000 in 1400	-37%



EURASIAN RELIGIONS, CA. 1500 CE

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Islam & Christianity in Africa Before 1500

Portuguese coat of arms given to Congolese King Nzinga a Nkuwu (1491-1506), who took the name “Alfonso I” upon conversion to Christianity

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Mansa Musa I, ruler of Malian Empire ca. 1312-1337. From Catalan Mappamundi, 1375. The text to the right of Mansa reads:

“This Black lord is called Musa Mali, Lord of the peoples of Guinea. So abundant is the gold which is found in his country that he is the richest and most noble king in all the land.”





Sub-Saharan Africa, 1500-1800

Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, 1519-1556



Portraits by Titian, 1548 & 1547

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REFORMATION EUROPE, 1492-1560

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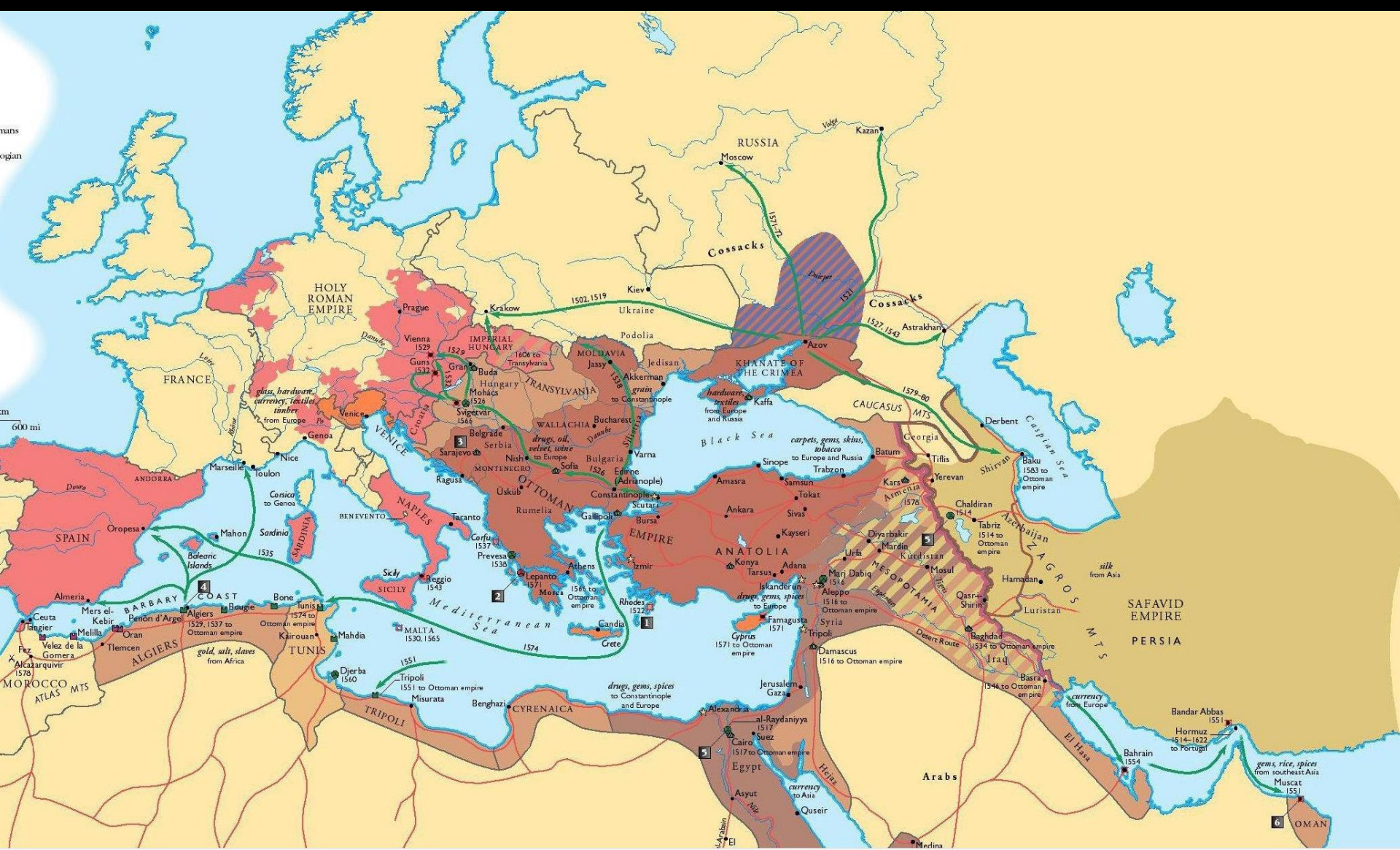
The Ottoman Empire

Mehmet II, 1451-1481
Conqueror of
Constantinople.

Portrait by Gentile Bellini,
1480



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SIXTEENTH-CENTURY OTTOMAN EXPANSION

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The Safavid Empire



*O Derat ut Smerdis Cambyses, Mememona Cyrus
Sic Hamenes frater nec tibi charus erat:
Antior laudato factū ingenitū illis
Dicens, Cyra est fama, fuisse nocua.
Non factū in Turca qui te patremq; sinebat
Atar, dare Bātrā tuis ter gaesegit, ABAS.*
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Shah Abbas,
1588-1629

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Venetian Doge
receiving the Embassy
of Shah Abbas, 1595

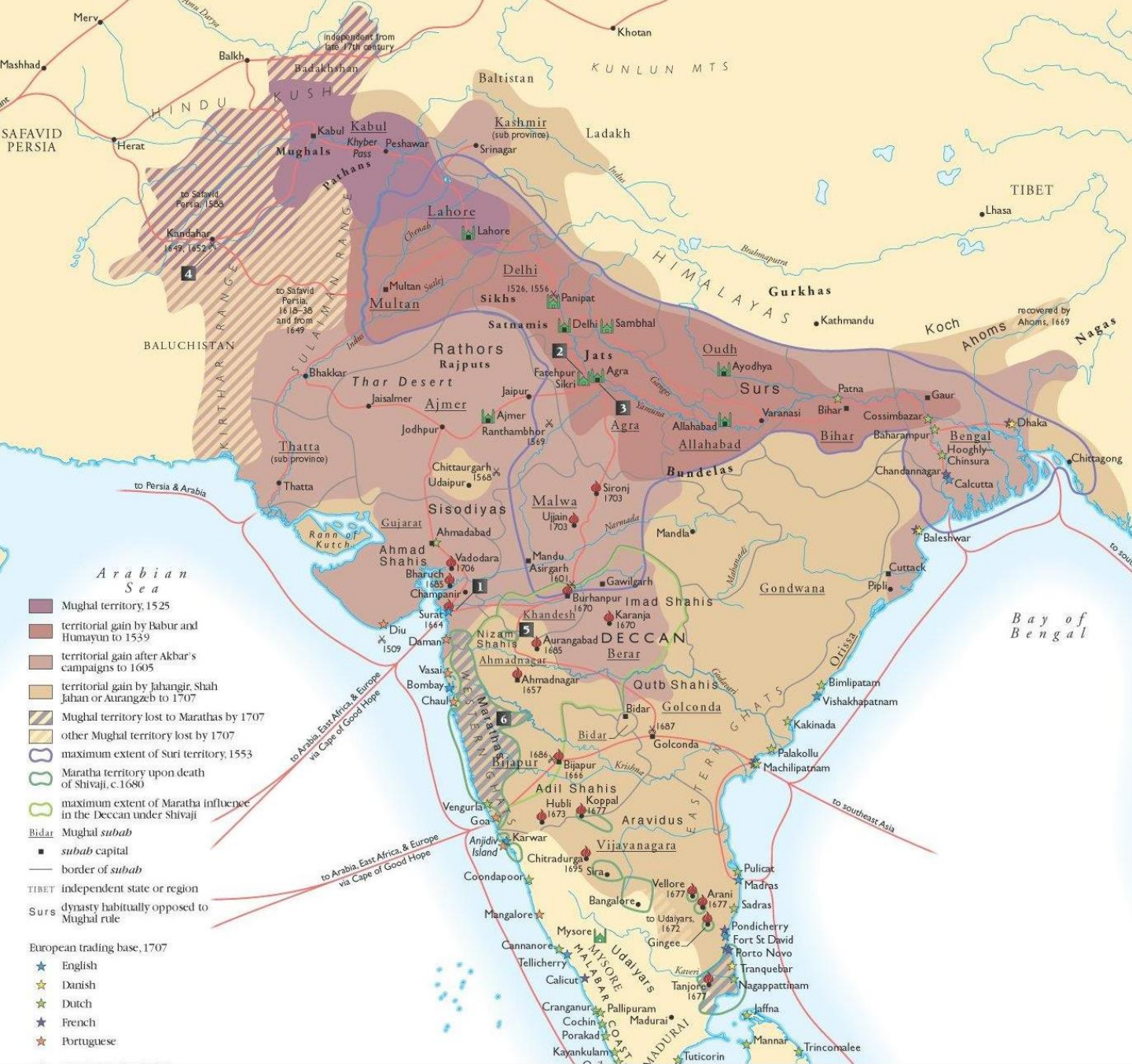
The Mughal Empire

Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great
(1556-1605)

Akbar holds a religious
assembly of different faiths,
including Jesuits, 1605



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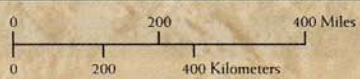
RISE OF MUGHAL INDIA, 1500-1707 CE

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**Yongle Emperor,
3rd Ming Ruler,
1402-1424**

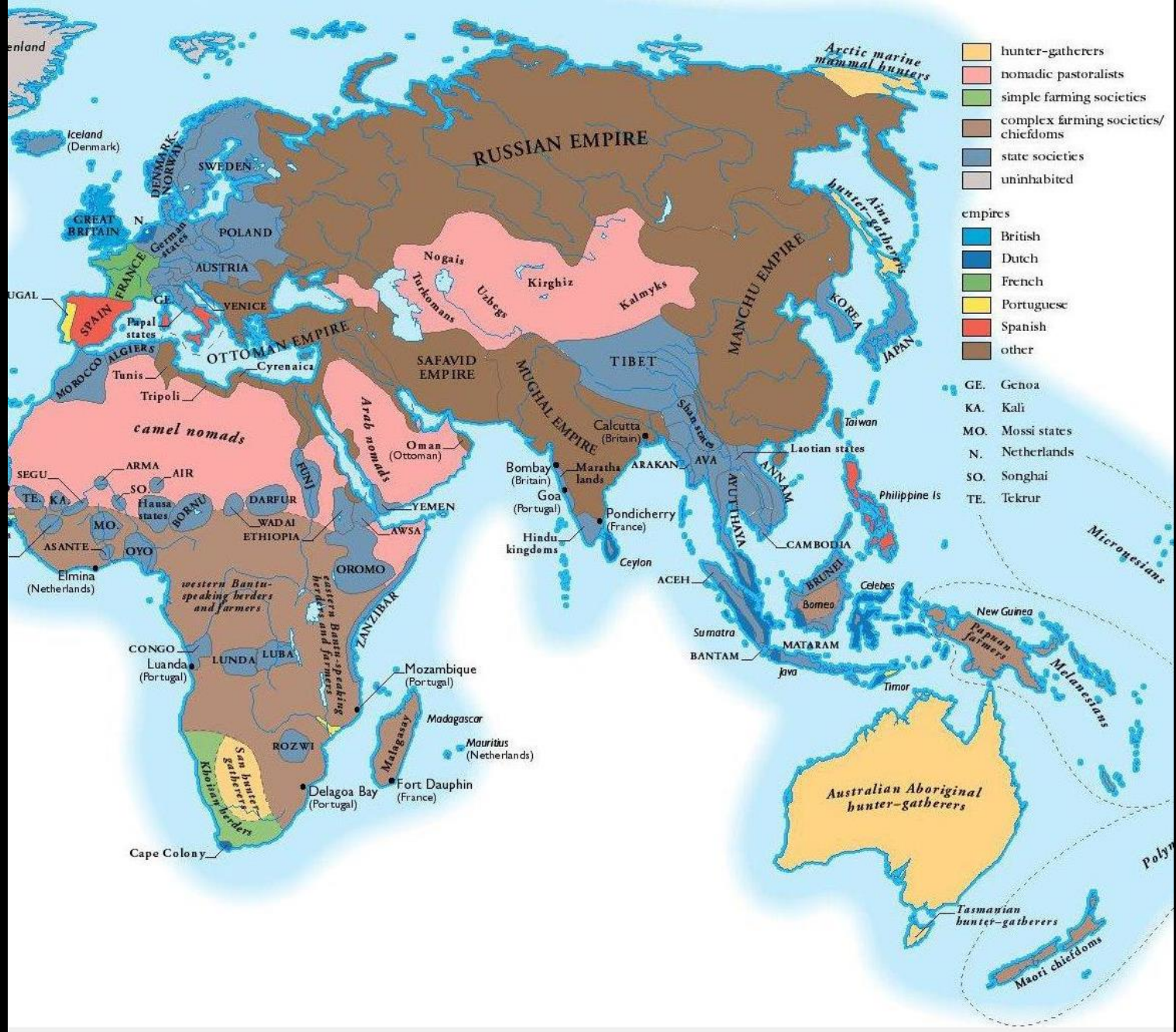
Ming provinces
 Frontier defense area
 Great Wall



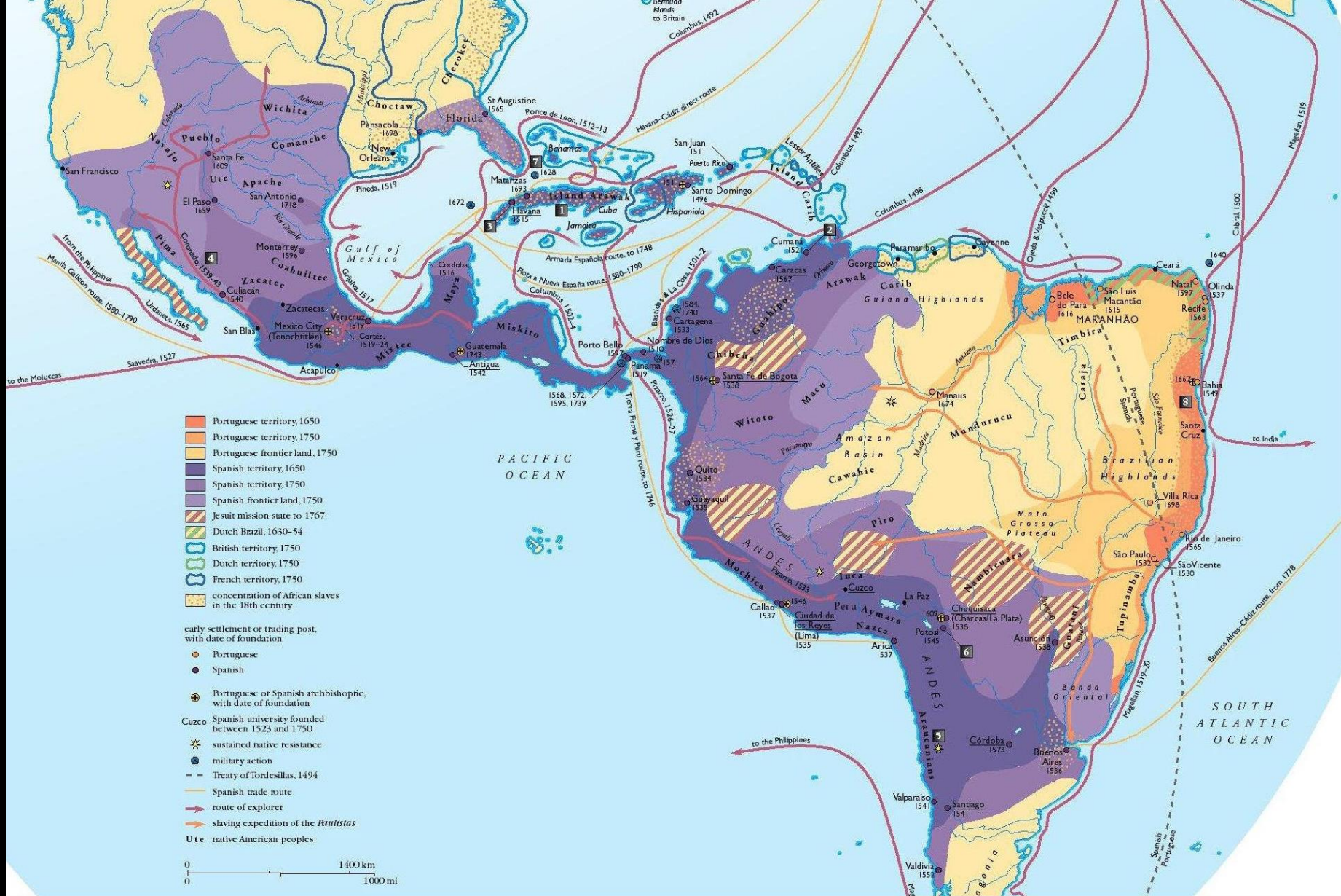
Ming China, 1500s



AFRO-EURASIAN EMPIRES CA. 1715



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Iberian Empires in the Americas, 1450-1750

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