

SASH19 The Dynamics of Interaction

Topics for the workshop on May 10, 2011

- 1. How can far-distance trade be a contributing factor in cultural change?*
- 2. How can colonization and/or military occupation be a factor in cultural change?*
- 3. How is the impact of elites as an impetus in cultural change? How big was their role?*

Each group has two tasks: 1. to prepare and present a power point for the question assigned to the group, 2. to verbally prepare one of the other questions (assigned to one of the other groups) in order to lead the discussion after the power point presentation of that question.

In your group, discuss your question from the point of view of interaction. For example, when thinking about the force of, say, economic, or social or religious or even military interaction, what was the influence of this phenomenon regarding interactions between the cultural groups? You will need to have read all the literature. Discuss several examples to support your choices.

Naturally we are dealing with societies that lasted for several hundred years and went through many internal and external changes in the course of their history. Thus, the motivations behind any interaction would not be static but rather, dynamic during time: therefore, be sure to use examples that are contemporary. Include all the four cultures - Greeks, Etruscans, Celts and Romans – and their interactions in your discussions.

Each group will have 20 minutes for its group presentation. The presentation should start with an explanation of the problem, and end with a joint conclusion, which answers the question. Each member of the group must present a part.

The grade (40%) is comprised of two parts: the group ppt presentation, which is 30% and the discussion with the other group, which is 10%. The group will receive one grade based on the performance of the group as a whole — no individual grades.

Good luck! Renée, Michaela, Johan and Lovisa