

Part 8 © Technology, Culture, and Community

Technology played a key role in the evolution of the Information Age, an era of major social, economic, and cultural change. However, it could also be said that changes in knowledge and in ways of thinking were what led to technological change. It was, in truth, not a question of causality and of sequential relationships but of simultaneous interrelatedness, which is what is meant by holistic history. The problem is how to disentangle ourselves from the assumption that larger entities have a biography like an individual's biography, which would be to disentangle ourselves from the 19th-century Western conceptions of linear time.