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DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT

- **Remain largely agrarian & retain serfdom**
- **Low level of urbanization & industrialization**
- **Limited development of merchant class**
- **No overseas empires**
- **Families remains large, extended, & multigenerational, age of marriage lower**

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POLAND

- 14th century: Dynastic alliance with Lithuania
- Poland becomes superior partner = Republic of Poland
- Becomes one of largest, most powerful states in Europe



Polish Queen Jadwiga weds Lithuanian Grand Duke Jageillo, unifying in 1385