SMALL CITIES
The Small City in Global Context
April 12–14, 2007

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Sessions and Participants

Sessions will take place April 12-14, 2007. The April 12 session will be held at the Bracken Library on the Ball State University campus. The April 13-14 sessions will take place at the E.B. and Bertha Ball Center, 400 N. Minnetrista Boulevard, Muncie, Indiana, telephone (765) 285-8975.

Thursday, April 12
Forum Room 225, Bracken Library, Ball State

7:30-9 p.m. *Welcome Session: Digital History and the Small City: The Plains Gilded Age City Digital Project

Speaker: Phillip Raisor, Timothy Mahoney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Moderator/Commentator: E. Bruce Geelhoed, professor of history, Ball State University

Friday, April 13
E. B. Ball Center, 400 N. Minnetrista Boulevard, Muncie, Indiana

7:30-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8 a.m. -4 p.m. Registration
8-9:30 a.m. Session 1: Urban Networks in Islamic Southeast Asia

Panelists: Elizabeth Lambourn, De Montfort University, “What’s in a Tombstone: Gravestones and Network Analysis in Early Islamic Southeast Asia”
Kenneth Hall, Ball State University, “Coastal Cities in an Age of Transition: Upstream-Downstream Networking and Societal Development, in 15th- and 16th-Century Maritime Southeast Asia”

9:45-11:15 a.m. Session 2: Commerce and Power in Early Modern East Asian Cities

Panelists: John Chaffee, University of Binghamton, “At the Intersection of Empire and World Trade: the Port City of Quanzhou, 1000-1400”
John Whitmore, University of Michigan, “The Secondary Capitals of Dai Viet: Shifting Elite Power Bases”
Charles Wheeler, University of California-Irvine, “From Abundant Frontier to Poor Center: Ecological, Macroeconomic, and Demographic Change in Central Vietnam, 15-20th Centuries”

Moderator/Commentator: Kenneth Swope, Ball State University

1:30 p.m. -12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30-2 p.m. Session 3: Working-Class Activism in the Industrializing Small City

Panelists: Robert Hall, Ball State University, “Citizens of the World: Labor, Democracy, and Plebian Intellectuals in Ashton-under-Lyne, 1830-1870”
Steve Leiken, San Francisco State University, “Cooperation and Community: Working-Class Strategies for Change in Two Gilded Age Cities”

Moderator/Commentator: Richard Schneirov, Indiana State University
Commentator: John Bohstedt, University of Tennessee
2:15–3:45 p.m. **Session 4:** Growth and Change in 19th-Century Port Cities

**Panelists:** Samuel Martland, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, "Trade, Progress, and Patriotism: Defining Valparaiso, Chile, 1818–1875"

Dieter Buse, Laurentian University, "Encountering and Resolving Small City Problems: 19th Century Bremen"

**Moderator/Commentator:** David T. Murphy, Anderson University

4–5:30 p.m. **Session 5:** Urban Identity in Twentieth-Century Europe

**Panelists:** Eric Reed, Western Kentucky University, "Postwar Culture, the European Community, and International Marketing in Two French Middle Towns: The Tour de France in Strasbourg and Brest"

Micheline Nilsen, Indiana University-South Bend, "Namur as Provincial Capital of Wallonia: Looks, Luck, or Location?"

**Moderator/Commentator:** Christopher Thompson, Ball State University

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**Saturday, April 14**

E. B. Ball Center, 400 N. Minnetrista Boulevard, Muncie, Indiana, telephone (765) 285-8975.

7:30–8 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8 a.m.—12:30 p.m. **Registration**

8–9:30 a.m. **Session 6:** Small Cities on the Ottoman Periphery

**Panelists:** Jay S. Spaulding, Kean University, "Sawakin: A Small City of the Early Modern Sudan"

Charles Argo, Ball State University, "The Ottoman Balkan City: The Periphery as Center in Punitive Spectacle"

**Moderator/Commentator:** Stephen Morillo, Wabash University

9:45–11:15 a.m. **Session 7:** United States’ Small Cities in the Age of Globalization

**Panelists:** Alan Lessoff, Illinois State University, "The Search for a New Direction in Corpus Christi, Texas, 1970–Present"

Himanee Gupta-Carlson, University of Hawaii-Manoa, "Diaspora and Home: Muncie’s South Asian Community in a Global Context"

**Moderator/Commentator:** Janet Bednarek, University of Dayton

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30–2 p.m. **Session 8:** The Small City in the U.S. South

**Panelist:** David Goldfield, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, "Dying to Live: The Reinvention of Southern Town Life"

**Moderator/Commentator:** Eric Sandweiss, Indiana University

2:15–3:45 p.m. **Session 9:** Patterns of Urban Development in South Asia

**Panelists:** Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan, "Small Cities as Nodal Points in Pre-Colonial India"

James Heitzmann, University of California-Davis, "Secondary Cities in South Asia in the 19th and 20th Centuries: Patterns and Case Studies"

**Moderator/Commentator:** Abel Alves, Ball State University

4–5:30 p.m. **Session 10:** Conceiving Secondary Cities in Asia and Africa

**Panelists:** Geoffrey Nkawa, Abbia State University, Nigeria, "Using Medium and Small Towns to Strengthen Urban–Rural Linkages in Nigeria"

Christopher Airrie, Ball State University, "In the Shadow of Giants: The Geographies of Secondary City Growth in a Globalized China"

Carola Hein, Bryn Mawr College, "Machi: The Small Town or Neighborhood Concept at the Heart of Japanese Urban Space"