



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

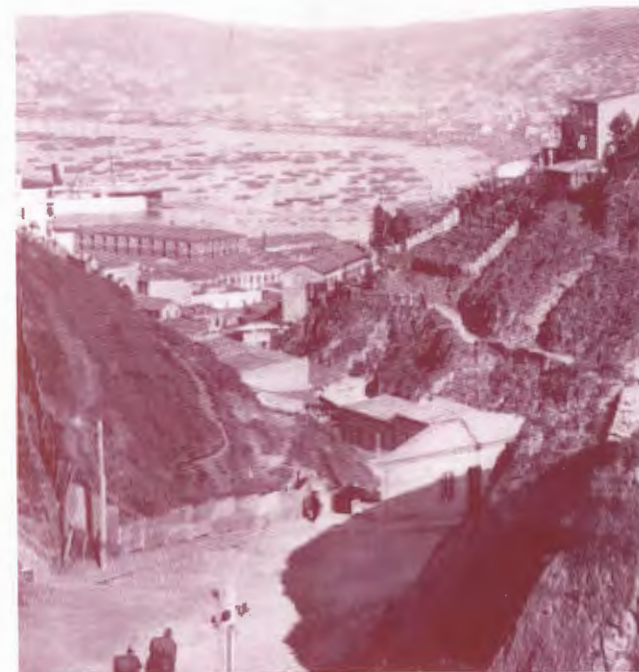
Forum Room 225, Bracken Library, Ball State

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

Speaker: Philip Raisor, Timothy Mahoney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Moderator/Commentator: E. Bruce Geelhoed, professor of history, Ball State University

*This session is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the Emens Garage, immediately east of Bracken Library.



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 a.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

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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

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"

Himane 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**, Abba State University, Nigeria, "Using Medium and Small Towns to Strengthen Urban–Rural Linkages in Nigeria"

Christopher Airries, 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"

