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The Sources of
Urban Growth
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**FEATURING KEYNOTE
ADDRESSES BY AUTHORS**

Leonard Blussé, professor of
history and Asian-European
relations at Leiden University,
The Netherlands

Richard Longworth, senior fellow
at the Chicago Council of Global
Affairs and distinguished visiting
Scholar at DePaul University

SESSIONS

With the exception of the keynote address, the April 16 and 17 sessions will be at the E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center, 400 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-8975. The first keynote will be in the Forum Room, Bracken Library, room 225, on the Ball State University campus.

Sessions and the second keynote address on April 18 will be in the Indiana Room at Minnetrista, 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-282-4848.

Thursday, April 16

E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center, 400 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-8975

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration

10–11:30 a.m. Session 1: Premodern Urban Networks

Hyunee Park, City University of New York, “Urban Networking of Port Cities in the Indian Ocean Commercial System Represented in Geographic and Cartographic Works in China and the Islamic World from 750 to 1500.”

Elizabeth Lambourn, DeMonfort University, “Khutba Networks: The Ottoman Caliphate in the Indian Ocean.”

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Session 2: Port Cities in Premodern Asia

Sebastian R. Prange, University of London, “Port Politics in Pre-Colonial Southwest India: Commercial Institutions and Political Constellations.”

Hugh Clark, Ursinus College, “Secondary Ports and their Cults: Religious Innovation in the Port System of Greater Quanzhou (southeast China) in the 10th–12th Centuries.”

3–4:30 p.m. Session 3: Secondary Cities as Global Cities

Dane Morrison, Salem State University, “Citizens of the World: Expatriate Communities and the Rise of Salem, 1780–1844.”

Amy Scott, Bradley University, “Think Globally, Act Locally: Environmentalism, Peace Activism, and Citizens Diplomacy in Boulder, Colorado, 1945 to 2000.”

4:40–7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address I

Forum Room, room 225, Bracken Library, Ball State University
This session is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the Emens Parking Garage, immediately east of Bracken Library.

Leonard Blussé, Leiden University, The Netherlands, “Daughters of the Rivers: Secondary Cities in the Estuaries of Western Europe and East Asia.”

Friday, April 17

E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center, 400 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-8975

8 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration

8:30–10 a.m. Session 3: East Asian Urban Networks

Christopher Agnew, University of Dayton, “Dengzhou and the Bohai Gulf in 17th-Century Northeast Asia.”

Michael H. Chiang, Drake University, “The Origins of the Administrative Rating System in Qing Territorial Administration.”

10:30 a.m.–noon Session 4: Small Cities/Peripheral Cities

Aurea Toxqui, Bradley University, “Taverns and Their Influence on the Suburban Culture of Late 19th-Century Mexico City.”

Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University, “Becoming the ‘Burb of the ‘Burgh: Deindustrialization and Community Identity in Steubenville, Ohio.”

Paul O’Hara, Xavier University, “Model City, Milltown, and Industrial Periphery: The Making and Remaking of Gary, Indiana.”

Noon–1 p.m. Lunch

1:15–2:45 p.m. Session 5: Secondary Cities in Colonial Contexts

Marc Gilbert, Hawaii Pacific University, “Cities upon a Hill with a Nice Shrubbery: The Urban-Hinterland Nexus and the Origins of Western Empires in Southern Asia.”

Ilyas Chattha, Southampton University, United Kingdom, “Urban and Industrial Growth of Colonial Sialkot, Pakistan.”

Peter Mentzel, The Liberty Fund, “Networks, Railroads, and Small Cities in Ottoman Macedonia.”

3:15–4:45 p.m. Session 6: Growth Strategies in 20th-Century American Cities

Judith Friedman, Rutgers University, “A Chamber of Commerce Brings Outside-Owned Factories to an Ohio City.”

LaDale Winling, Loyola University-Chicago, “Building from the Ground Up: Higher Education and Urban Growth in Muncie, Indiana, and Austin, Texas.”

Alison Goebel, University of Illinois, “‘Should I Stay or Should I Go?’ Human Migration, Corporate Migration, and Small City Economic Growth.”

Saturday, April 18

Indiana Room, Minnetrista, 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-282-4848

Saturday sessions are free and open to the public.

8:30–10 a.m. Session 7: Philanthropy and Social Services in Contemporary American Small Cities

Asma M. Ali, University of Illinois-Chicago, “Community Development Corporations: A Responsive Strategy to Racial Change in the Urban Fringe.”

Laurie E. Paarlberg and Stephen Meinhold, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, “Exploring the United Way Response to Changing Philanthropic Conditions in Small Cities.”

10:30 a.m.–noon Session 8: Reconceiving the Contemporary American Small City

Catherine Tumber, independent scholar, “LED Lights, Small City: Relocalizing Urbanism in an Oil-Bereft World.”

Pamela Harwood, Ball State University, “Archival and Interpretive Research Strategies for Understanding the Industrial Landscape of a Small City.”

Russell Garriott, city planner, Fort Wayne, Indiana, “Small Cities That Are Large but Behave Small.”

Noon–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Keynote Address II

Richard C. Longworth, Chicago Council on Global Affairs and DePaul University, “Caught in the Middle”

2:45–4:15 p.m. Session 9: Urban Growth and Economic Development in the American Midwest

Dagney Faulk, Center for Business and Economic Research, Ball State University, “Mass Transit Investment: Economic Development and/or Social Service?”

Michael Hicks, Center for Business and Economic Research, Ball State University, “Do Growth Models Explain Midwest City Growth Differences? Evidence from a Panel of Great Lakes Cities.”

Tom Lehman, Division of Social Sciences, Indiana Wesleyan University, “Explaining Household Income in Rural Midwest Counties.”

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