

Module I Lecture Guide
Polis, Metropolis, Megalopolis:
From Urban Specks to Global Cities

I. Introduction**II. What is a City?****III. Cognitive Map****IV. The Study of the City****A. Urban studies****B. Different paradigms for different disciplines****V. Theories of Urbanization: Where and When Was the First City?****A. The Childe Thesis**

1. **V. Gordon Childe** (1892-1957) was an Australian archaeologist who studied the rise of civilization.
 - a. the agricultural revolution
 - b. the urban revolution

mastery over nature ⇒ agriculture ⇒ surplus ⇒ development of city

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3. **Cities of the Fertile Crescent: Factors Making Them Cities, According to Childe:**

- a. size & density
- a. diversity & specialization
- b. monuments & ruling class
- c. trade
- d. science & art
- e. writing

B. Other Early Cities

1. **Jericho**
2. **Old Jericho**
1. **Çatal Hüyük / Çatalhöyük**
2. **Tell Hamoukar**

C. Jane Jacobs' Trade / "New Obsidian" Theory

desire to carry on trade ⇒ city settlement ⇒ agriculture

A. Lewis Mumford and the Sacred Meanings Thesis

desire to have fixed holy landmarks ⇒ city settlement ⇒ agriculture, trade, diversification, science etc.

VI. CLASSIFYING CITIES

A. Gideon Sjoberg's Classification of Cities

- 1. Preindustrial City**
- 2. The Industrial City**

I. Concepts of Community

Ferdinand Tönnies, German sociologist born in 1855, began teaching at a German university in 1881 and in 1887 developed the concepts of:

- A. Gemeinschaft**
- B. Gesellschaft**
- C. What is Techno\$chaft?**

VIII. A TOUR OF WORLD CITIES

A. THE RIVER'S EDGE: The Role of the River in Ancient Cities

- 1. Cities of the Fertile Crescent: Rivers Forming the Cradle of Civilization**
- 2. The World of the Nile: A Civilization Devoted to the Gods**
- 3. Around the Huang Ho River: A Rigidly Stratified Society**

B. THE FORTIFIED EDGE

- 1. Dwellings as Protection in Çatal Hüyük**

C. MULTIPLE EDGES

1. City within a City: The Greek Polis

- a. acropolis
- b. agora

1. The Fortified City: Protecting the Medieval Economy

- a. burgs (boroughs)
- b. organic towns

D. BEYOND THE EDGE

- 1. Ancient Suburbs**
- 2. Medieval Fauburbs**

E. CITIES WITHOUT EDGE: American Settlement Patterns**1. Key Factors Affecting American Settlement Patterns**

- a. natural resources
- b. values and beliefs
 - freedom
 - individuality
 - mastery over nature and over other peoples
 - capitalist economy
 - emphasis on economic growth
 - social valuation of space
 - egalitarianism
 - right to privacy
 - expansionism

2. How These Factors Have Affected American Settlement Patterns**3. The Edge City**

- a. more than 5 million square feet of office space
- b. at least 600,000 square feet of retail space
- c. more jobs than homes
- d. "has it all"
- e. did not look anything like a city 30 years prior