

Early Modern Cities

This is a research seminar. In our first meeting, students will choose the city they wish to research. In the first month, we shall work on refining specific areas of research and building up the literature on that topic. In the second month, research groups will report each week on their progress and we shall use our class meetings to discuss problems, issues, and questions that arise while working. The third month we shall be reading drafts of your research reports, and you will be critiquing one another's work. In December, each of the research groups will present their full drafts, which we will discuss and they will refine before final submission.

Books:

required:

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, Seventh Edition – this is an essential guide for all stages of our work this semester
Christopher Friedrichs, *The Early Modern City, 1450-1750* is on reserve at College Library.
Used copies are also available at Amazon for those who wish their own copy.

recommended for reference:

Martha Howell, *From Reliable Sources: An Introduction to Historical Methods*, on reserve
Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History* (very helpful and also available at Amazon, if you'd like your own copy)
William Kelleher Storey, *Writing History: A Guide for Students*, on reserve

Most of the books you will be reading this semester you will find in Memorial Library. I have also put on reserve for use by all research groups:

Donatella Calabi & Stephen Turk Christensen, editors, *Cities and Cultural Exchange in Europe, 1400-1700*

Deadlines:

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are absolute: our research community depends on the timely contribution of every member.

Plagiarism is about how we think about ourselves in relationship to other scholars. It comprises one crime—claiming the ideas of others as our own or intellectual theft—and the failure to treat our own perspectives as valuable to the larger community of scholars. For the University of Wisconsin's policy, see: <http://students.wisc.edu/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html>

Meetings:

- September 8 Getting Organized
- September 15 Meet in Special Collections: Research Tools
- September 22 Thinking About Early Modern Cities
📖 Christopher Friedrichs, *The Early Modern City, 1450-1750*
on reserve in College Library
👁 http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html
- September 29 Framing Research Questions: How Might We Organize an Early Modern City?
🕒 List of ways of thinking about a city due
- October 6 Research Reports: What Can We Know? Constructing Bibliographies
& Finding Sources
- October 13 Research Reports: What Can We Not Know? What has not been studied? Why?
Historians' questions and the survival of sources
🕒 Bibliographies due [see Turabian for guidelines]
- October 20 Research Reports: What Have We Learned That We Did Not Expect?
How does the scholarship surprise us?
- October 27 Research Reports: Our Changing Understanding of Our Topics
🕒 Annotated Bibliographies due [see Turabian for guidelines]
- November 3 Research Drafts
- November 10 Exchange Drafts within Research Groups: Honing Connections
🕒 Draft of your paper due to your writing partner
- November 17 Research Drafts
🕒 Marked drafts due back to your writing partner
- November 24 Final Questions
- December 1 Final Drafts
- December 8 Final Drafts
- December 15 What Have We Learned?
🕒 Final Essays due