

**Institute for European and Mediterranean Archeology
University at Buffalo - The State University of New York**

9TH IEMA VISITING SCHOLAR CONFERENCE

COMING TOGETHER:

COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO POPULATION

AGGREGATION AND EARLY URBANIZATION

2-3 APRIL 2016

**Greiner Hall, North Campus
University at Buffalo**

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL 2016

08:00-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:30 WELCOME:

Peter F. Biehl – Director of IEMA, Professor and Chair of Anthropology

Stephen L. Dyson – Associate Director of IEMA, Park Professor of Classics

Britta Spaulding – Anthropology Graduate Student, Editor-in-Chief of *Chronika*

9:30-10:00 INTRODUCTION:

Population Nucleation and Early Urbanization in a Comparative Framework

Attila Gyucha – IEMA Conference Organizer

10:00-10:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Aggregation and Urbanization as Fundamental Drivers of Social Change

Michael E. Smith – Arizona State University (USA)

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

SESSION ONE: MODELING EARLY URBAN DYNAMICS

11:00-11:30 Beyond 'Oriental Despotism': The Origin of Urban Developments in Dry-farming Syria and Anatolia

Clemens Reichel – University of Toronto/Royal Ontario Museum (Canada)

11:30-12:00 Coming Together in the Iron Age: Population Aggregation and Urban Dynamics in Temperate Europe

Manuel Fernández-Götz – University of Edinburgh (UK)

12:00-12:30 **Discussion**

12:30-1:30 **Lunch**

SESSION TWO: ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT

1:30-2:00 Urbanism at a Crossroad: Trade, Settlement, and Society in Early Bronze Age Anatolia

A. Nejat Bilgen – Dumlupınar University (Turkey)

Laura Harrison – University at Buffalo, SUNY (USA)

2:00-2:30 "...the nearest run thing...": The Genesis and Collapse of Bronze Age Centers in the Maros Valley of Southeastern Europe

John O'Shea – University of Michigan (USA)

2:30-3:00 Contextualizing Aggregation and Nucleation as Demographic Processes Leading to Cahokia's Emergence as an Incipient Urban Center

John E. Kelly – Washington University in St. Louis (USA)

3:00-3:30 **Discussion**

3:30-4:00 ***Coffee Break***

4:00-4:30 If You Build It, Will They Come? Will They Stay? The Mycenaean Port Town of Kalamianos

Daniel J. Pullen – Florida State University (USA)

4:30-5:00 Why Athens? Population Aggregation in Attica in the Early Iron Age

Robin Osborne – University of Cambridge (UK)

5:00-5:30 Synoikismos: Formation and Form of Ancient Greek Cities

Bradley A. Ault – University at Buffalo, SUNY (USA)

5:30-6:00 **Discussion**

7:00-8:00 ***IEMA Samuel M. Paley Library Opening Ceremony***

Totem Pole Room (UB Department of Anthropology, Ellicott Complex)

8:00-10:00 ***Welcome Reception and Buffet***

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL 2016

SESSION THREE: LAYOUT AND ORGANIZATION

- 9:00-9:30 Separation and Unity: Spatial Organization and Social Order at Neolithic Settlement Complexes on the Great Hungarian Plain
Pál Raczky – Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)
- 9:30-10:00 Trypillia Mega-Sites—The First Cities in Europe?
Bisserka Gaydarska – Durham University (UK)
- 10:00-10:30 Integration and Disintegration: The Role of Kiva Architecture in Community Formation and the Construction of Identity in the Prehispanic U.S. Southwest
Susan C. Ryan – Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (USA)
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00-11:30 Visual Competition Strategies in Roman Urban Architecture: Micro-Viewshed Analysis at Pompeii
Alan Kaiser – University of Evansville (USA)
- 11:30-12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00-1:00 *Lunch*

SESSION FOUR: AGGREGATION IN LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE

- 1:00-1:30 Aggregation and Dispersal from a Long-Term Social Perspective: Rural Landscapes of the Northwestern Iberian Peninsula from the Iron Age to the Early Roman Period
Inés Sastre – Spanish National Research Council (Spain)
Brais X. Currás – University of Coimbra (Portugal)

1:30-2:00 Settlement Aggregation and Geopolitical Realignment in the
Northeastern Woodlands
Jennifer Birch – University of Georgia (USA)

2:00-2:30 **Discussion**

2:30-3:00 ***Coffee Break***

3:00-4:30 **WEBCAST DISCUSSION:**
Lessons to Learn (or Rewrite?): The Archaeological Record, and
Understanding Past and Present Urban Matters

Participants:

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Jennifer Birch

Manuel Fernández-Götz

Bisserka Gaydarska

Alan Kaiser

John E. Kelly

Robin Osborne

Daniel J. Pullen

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Michael E. Smith

Invited Discussant:

Ashima Krishna – University at Buffalo, SUNY (USA)

6:00-9:00 ***Farewell Dinner***

Atrium, UB Anderson Gallery (near South Campus)