Joint Session 6
Cities and their Spaces: New approaches in urban studies and cartography
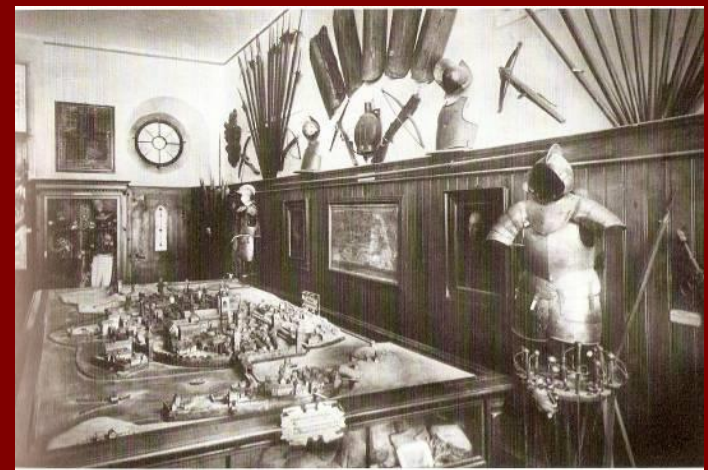## Jinan, 26 August 2015

International Commission
for the History of Towns (ICHT)

Finnish National Committee
of Historians (SHS)

Primeval forms of engaging with 'cities and their spaces'

- City chronicles, laudes urbium, town views as propaganda
- Antiquarian interest in famous places and famous people
- Social turn in historiography: placing social groups
- Questions of Who? What? Where?
- Large-scale post-WW II archaeological projects
- Role of historical geography

Plan-analysis of Alnwick, UK
(Michael Conzen, 1960)

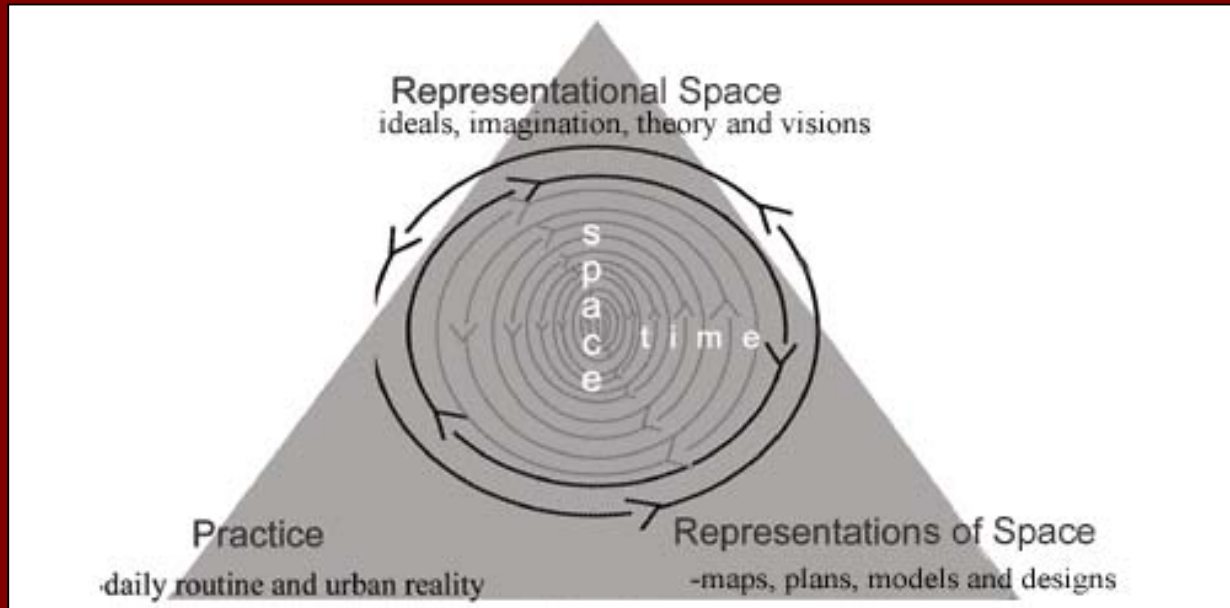Plan-analysis of Lublin, Poland
(Terry Slater, 1989)

The 'Spatial Turn' and Spatial Theories

Henri Lefebvre, *La production de l'espace* (Paris, 1974) / *The Production of Space* (Oxford, 1991)

„We are confronted not by one social space but by many - indeed, by an unlimited multiplicity of unaccountable set of social spaces."   (Lefebvre 1991, 85)

New questions: How and Why?
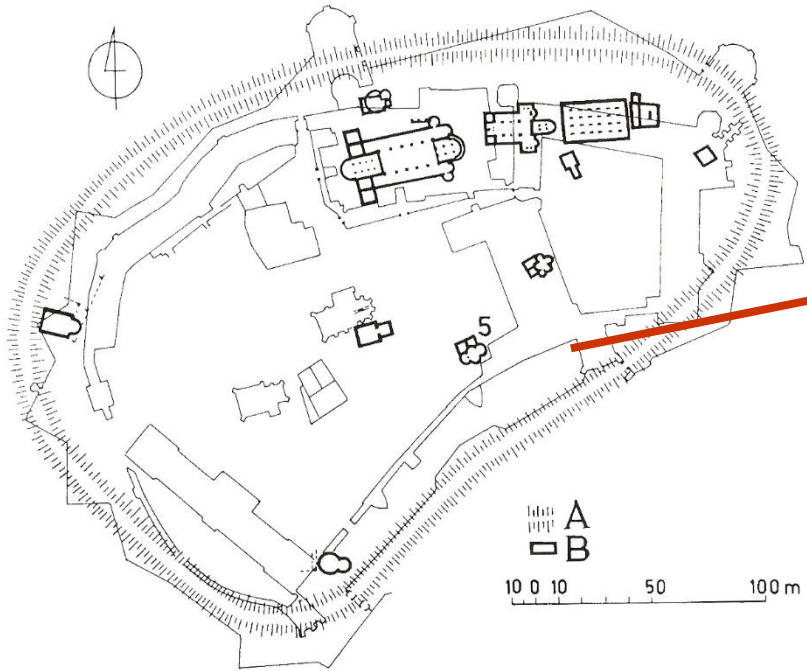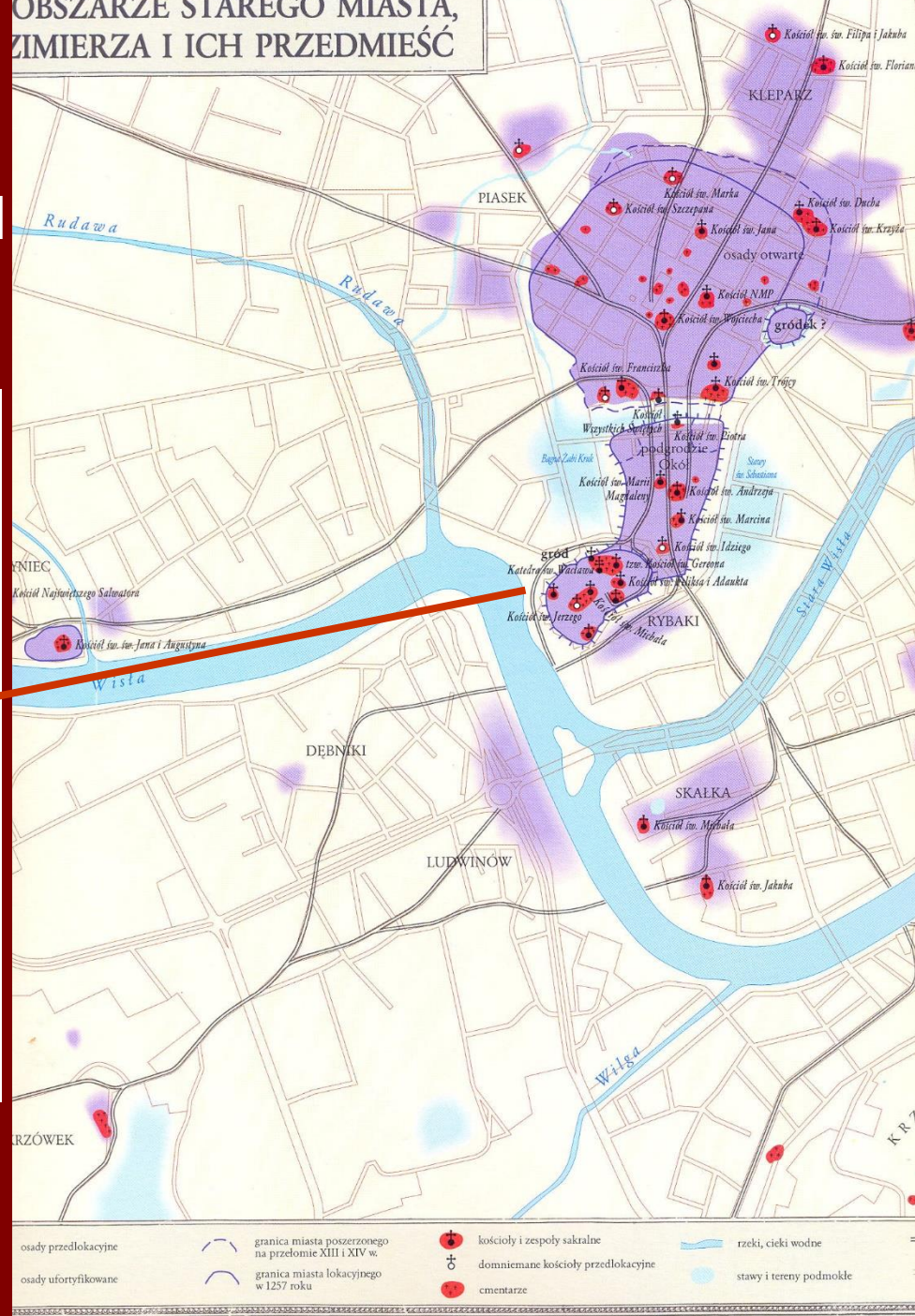
Understanding the creation and use of urban space

Abb. 21. Krakau, Wawel bis ins 12. Jahrhundert. A – Befestigung; B – Steingebäude (nach Firlet/Pianowski 1989).

Cities as power centres:
The example of Cracow

OBSZARZE STAREGO MIASTA,
ZIMIERZA I ICH PRZEDMIEŚĆ

Digital humanities:

New analytical tools for constructing and deconstructing spatial contexts

Urban space as contested heritage

The example of Londonderry (Ireland)

European Historic Towns Atlases – a project of ICHT

- Initial idea: in quest of the „original town plan"

- Based on the guidelines of the ICHT, initiated by Heinz Stoob (1968), revised by Anngret Simms and Ferdinand Opll (1995)

- Prescribed scale and contents to enable comparisons
  - cadastral map (mid-19th c.), redrawn at 1: 2500
  - growth-phase maps
  - thematic maps on social or architectural topography
  - reproductions of old maps and views
  - historical-topographical study
  - referenced topographical information (Gazetteer)

- Accomplished within national frameworks, with regard to modern state boundaries

- 19 European countries, more than 520 atlases

MAP OF EUROPEAN TOWNS ATLASES 2015

https://www.ria.ie/Research/IHTA/European-Project.aspx
http://www.uni-muenster.de/Staedtegeschichte/en/portal/staedteatlanten/karte.html

ICHT Conferences 2011–2015 (1): Cities and their Spaces

2011, Sibiu, Romania
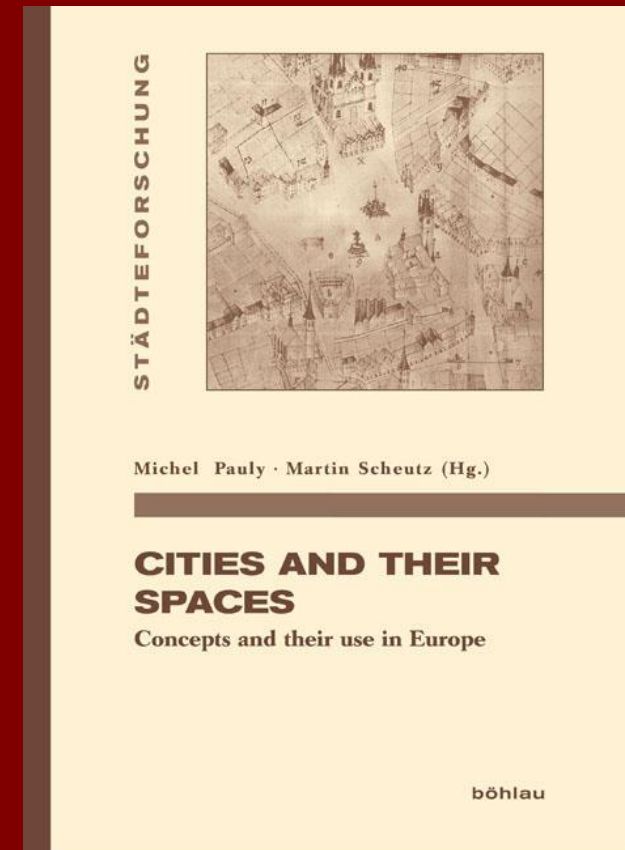organized by Paul Niedermaier

2012, Prague, Czech Republic
organized by Jozef Žemlička

- Conceptualization and mapping
- Topography and spatial develoment
- Sacred spaces and religious display
- Towns and their hinterlands
- Neighbourhoods and social change

STÄDTEFORSCHUNG

Michel Pauly · Martin Scheutz (Hg.)

CITIES AND THEIR SPACES

Concepts and their use in Europe

böhlau

Cologne, Vienna: 2014.

ICHT Conferences 2011–2015 (2): Cities and their Spaces

2013, Lisbon, Portugal
organized by Magda Pinheiro

2014, Clermont-Ferrand, France:
La ville complexe, organized by Jean-Luc Fray

- Social and religious cohabitation, unity and diversity

- Marginality and the transformations of space

- Spaces of leisure, culture and tourism

2015, Zürich, Switzerland: Staging the Urban Community, organized by Martina Stercken

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4, rue Ledru (station de tramway "Universités")
Amphi 219 (2e étage)

ICHT General Topic, 2016–2019:
Essential Functionalities of Urban Spaces through the Ages

Coordinated by Ferdinand Opll and Martin Scheutz (Austria)

1 (2016, Kiel) Political functions of urban spaces:
sites of local autonomy, seigniorial residences, regional and national parliaments

2 (2017, Cracow) Economic functions of urban spaces:
from market-places to shopping centres

3 (2018) Cultural and religious functions of urban spaces:

devotional and secular, popular and elite

4 (2019) Social functions of urban spaces:
burghers, barons, beggars; from the cradle to the grave

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JS 6: Cities and their Spaces, Part I

- Introduction to the topic

- Anna Anisimova, *Spatial Structures and their Construction in English Monastic Towns*

- Laurenţiu Rădvan, *Space Distribution in Late Medieval and Pre-modern Towns in the Romanian Principalities*

- Preston Perluss, French Monastic Urban Wealth: Methodological Overview and Preliminary Observations

- Marjaana Niemi, Remarks to Papers 1-3 (10 min.)

- General discussion (20 min.)

- Tea Break (15 min., 15.30-15.45)

JS 6: Cities and their Spaces, Part II

- Salvatore Bottari, *The Sicilian port towns in the eighteenth century: trade, social actors, infrastructure improvements and urban development*

- Li Wei, *Gentrification in Canadian Inner Cities: Its Impact on Society*

- Lars Nilsson, *Urban Space in the Post-industrial Era*

- Marjaana Niemi, Remarks to Papers 4-6 (10 min.)

- General discussion (20 min.)

- Concluding remarks (5 min.)

- End of session: 17.15