

# Schedule

THE CITY-STATE  
NHIS 3123A WILSON SPRING 2011

For each meeting, please read *at least one* of the readings. All readings are posted on the website.

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1 Jan 27 *No meeting — Snow Day*

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2 Feb 3 **Introduction. The city and the state. Sources.**

- ▶ Geoffrey Parker, “Nation, Empire, and City.” In Parker, 7–16.
  - ▶ Mogens Herman Hansen, “The concepts of city-state and city-state culture.” In Hansen, 11-34.
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3 Feb 10 **Neolithic Mesopotamia: Uruk and Akkad**

- ▶ Song Nai Rhee, “Sumerian City-States.” In Griffeth & Thomas, 1–30.
  - ▶ Marc van de Mieroop, “The Urban Landscape.” In van de Mieroop, 63–100.
  - ▶ Marc van de Mieroop, “Social Organization.” In van de Mieroop, 101–117.
  - ▶ The Epic of Gilgamesh, Tablet 1.
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4 Feb 17 **Bronze Age Aegean: Knossos and Mycenae**

- ▶ Richard Tomlinson, “Mycenae: The Forerunners.” In Tomlinson, 30–42.

**Iron Age Fertile Crescent: Tyre and Babylon**

- ▶ Mogens Trolle Larsen, “The city-states of the early Neo-Babylonian period.” In Hansen, 117-128.
  - ▶ Hans Georg Niemeyer, “The early Phoenician city-states on the Mediterranean.” In Hansen, 89–116.
  - ▶ Marc van de Mieroop, “The Eclipse of the Ancient Mesopotamian City.” In van de Mieroop, 229–247.
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5 Feb 24 **South Asia and East Asia: Varanasi and Suzhou**

- ▶ Mark Edward Lewis, “The city-state in spring-and-autumn China.” In Hansen, 359-374.
  - ▶ Dilip Chakrabarti, “Mahajanapada states of early historic India.” In Hansen, 375-392.
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6 Mar 3 **The Greek Polis: Sparta and Athens**

*Position Paper Proposal Due*

- ▶ Carol G. Thomas, “The Greek Polis.” In Griffeth & Thomas, 31–70.
  - ▶ Geoffrey Parker, “The Ancient Greek Polis.” In Parker, 28–46.
  - ▶ Mogens Herman Hansen, “The Hellenic Polis.” In Hansen, 141-188.
  - ▶ T. Leslie Shear Jr., “Athens: From City-State to Provincial Town,” *Hesperia*, Vol. 50, No. 4, Greek Towns and Cities: A Symposium (Oct. - Dec., 1981): 356-377.
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7 Mar 10 **Archaic Italy: Veii and Rome**

*Take-Home Midterm Distributed*

- ▶ Mario Torelli, “The Etruscan city-state.” In Hansen, 189-208.
  - ▶ Tim J. Cornell, “The city-states in Latium.” In Hansen, 209-228.
  - ▶ Geoffrey Parker, “No Mean City: Rome from Urbs to Imperium.” In Parker, 57–77.
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Mar 17 *No meeting — Spring Break*

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- 8 Mar 24 **The Niger: Katsina and Nembe-Brass**  
*Take-Home Midterm Due*
- ▶ Robert Griffeth, "The Housa City-States from 1450 to 1804." In Griffeth & Thomas, 143–180.
  - ▶ E.J. Alagoa, "Social and Political Organization" and "Legends of Origin." In Alagoa, 11–49.
  - ▶ Kingta Irene Princewill, "The city-states of the Eastern Niger Delta." In Hansen, 533-546.
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- 9 Mar 31 **The Silk Road: Samarkand and Bukhara**
- ▶ Roya Marefat, "The Heavenly City of Samarkand," *The Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Summer, 1992): 33-38.
  - ▶ James Critchlow and Paul B. Henze, "Caravans and Conquests," *The Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Summer, 1992): 20-32.
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- 10 Apr 7 **Mesoamerica: Tenochtitlan and Palenque**
- ▶ Nikolai Grube, "The city-states of the Maya." In Hansen, 547-566.
  - ▶ Michael E. Smith, "Aztec city-states." In Hansen, 581-596.
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- 11 Apr 14 **Renaissance Italy: Florence and Venice**
- ▶ Gordon Griffiths, "The Italian City-State." In Griffeth & Thomas, 71–108.
  - ▶ Geoffrey Parker, "Serenissima: Venice and the City-States of the Adriatic." In Parker, 78–91.
  - ▶ Geoffrey Parker, "Bishops, Dukes and Republics: The City-States of Renaissance Italy." In Parker, 92–115.
  - ▶ Stephan R. Epstein, "The rise and fall of Italian city-states." In Hansen, 277-294.
  - ▶ Sidney Tarrow, "From Comparative Historical Analysis to 'Local Theory': The Italian City-State Route to the Modern State," *Theory and Society*, Vol. 33, No. 3/4 (Jun. - Aug., 2004): 43-471.
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- 12 Apr 21 **Late Byzantium: Constantinople and Thessaloniki**
- ▶ Norman Hepburn Baynes, "Supernatural Defenders of Constantinople." In N. H. Baynes, *Byzantine Studies and Other Essays*. London: Athlone Press, 1955, 248–260.
  - ▶ Warren Treadgold, "The Persistence of Byzantium," *The Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (Autumn, 1998): 66-91.
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- 13 Apr 28 **Early-modern Germanic States: Lübeck and Cologne**  
*Position Paper Optional Draft Due*
- ▶ Geoffrey Parker, "The German Hanse." In Parker, 132–150.
  - ▶ Geoffrey Parker, "The Fall and Rise of the Hanse Cities." In Parker, 194–212.
  - ▶ Christopher Friedrichs, "The Swiss and German City-States." In Griffeth & Thomas, 109–142.
  - ▶ Peter Johanek, "Imperial and free towns of the Holy Roman Empire: City states in pre-modern Germany?" In Hansen, 295-320.
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- 14 May 5 **Modern powers: Kuwait and Singapore**
- ▶ Geoffrey Parker, "The Globalization of the City-State." In Parker, 213–224.
  - ▶ Kris Olds and Henry Wai-Chung Yeung, "Pathways to Global City Formation: A View from the Developmental City-State of Singapore," *Review of International Political Economy*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (Aug., 2004): 489-521.
  - ▶ Mary Ann Tetreault, "Autonomy, Necessity, and the Small State: Ruling Kuwait in the Twentieth Century," *International Organization*, Vol. 45, No. 4 (Autumn, 1991): 565-591.
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- 15 May 12 **Last Meeting: Papers and Conclusions**  
*Position Paper Due*