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Special Topic:

A. Problems of Definition and Function.


III. The Decline of the Ancient City. Feb. 4.


Special Topic:

A. The Changing Shape and Function of Ancient Towns.


H. Kennedy, "From *Polis* to *Madina*: Urban Change in Late Antique and Early Islamic Syria," *Past and Present*, CVI (1985), pp. 3-27.

**IV. New Beginnings in the North** Feb. 11.


Special Topics:

A. The Early Growth of English Towns.


B. From Vikings to Merchants


**V. Growing Independence: Confrontation and Accommodation** Feb. 18.


Special Topic:

A. Early Urban Governments.


VI. Urban Renewal in the South. Feb. 25.


R. Krautheimer, Rome, pp. 143-202, 231-326


Special Topics:

A. Towns and the Rebirth of the Mediterranean Economy.


B. Municipal Government and Power in Occitania and Catalonia.


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A. The Rise of a Business Culture.


B. Merchants on Top?


**VIII. The Late Middle Ages: Urban Decline or Adjustment?** March 18.


**Special Topic:** Reactions to Crisis.

A. Italian Towns.


B. English Towns.


**IX. Family and Marriage: The Sinews of Urban Life.** March 25.


Selections from Alberti's *On the Family*.


**Special Topic:**

A. From Clan to Nuclear Family?


B. Women, Dowry, and Marriage.


**X. Labor, Association, and Solidarity: Guilds and Confraternities.** April 1.


**Special Topics:**
A. Guilds.


B. Religious solidarities: Parish, Confraternity, and Chantry


XI. Urban Solidarities and Conflict. April 8.


Special Topics: At the Root of Urban Violence.

A. Violence and Exile in the South

i. Florence in Revolt: The Ciompi.


ii. Violence and Exile


R. Starn, Contrary Commonwealth: The Theme of Exile in Medieval and Renaissance Italy (Berkeley and L.A., 1982), pp. 1-60, 86-120.

B. Social Unrest in the North.


XII. Holiness and the Town April 15.

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Special Topics:

A. The Church and Commerce.


B. Marginals: Deviants or Holy Outsiders?

i. Poverty and Holiness


M. Mollat, The Poor in the Middle Ages, 1-11, 193-293.


ii. Prostitutes


XIII. **Urban Spaces: Public and Private in Medieval Towns.** April 22.


**Special Topics:**

A. Creating Spaces: Builders, Architects, and Artists.

i. Contracting for Space.


Lansing, *The Florentine Magnates*, pp. 84-106.


B. Controlling Spaces: Civic Ritual


