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Professor Kark, adopting an inductive perspective, has undertaken an historical and geographical reconstruction of the city, as it was, based on documentary sources and field observations.

She has also depicted broader spatial and temporal processes, thereby creating a synthesis which emphasizes the interplay of political, demographic, social, economic and regional forces. Thus the city is presented within a more generalized framework.

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