Knowledge and the Uniqueness of City Space

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The internal and external relations of cities provide a dense cosmopolitan centring of communication that has profound implications for knowledge production and transfer. I explore this process using insights from Jane Jacobs' urban economics with particular reference to replacing archaeologists' use of central place theory by GaWC 'central flow theory'. For examples of city inventions I will use the development of trade generating agriculture as import replacement and the development of governance generating states.