Central Place Theory or Regional Analysis

G. William Skinner – studies of cities (and central places) in Chinese civilization

• economic logic to the placement of settlements and the creation of nested hierarchies of “central places”
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- density of demand for particular products and the “friction of distance” create spatial hierarchies
- on top of which a variety of demographic, political, social, religious, and other institutions are created
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Skinner’s mapping of central places in Szechuan
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