

**SOCIAL AND SPATIAL ASPECTS URBANITY OF SMALL CITIES.
CASE STUDY OF CHOSEN SETTLEMENTS OF THE ŁÓDŹ PROVINCE.**

The paper presents the extensive studies urban urbanity of the small cities. The research problem is the answer the question: what is the urbanity of the small cities and how is reflected in their landscape. In the context of studies of literature, the author made the following assumptions:

1. The urbanity make two groups of components: spatial and social.
2. The spatial components are: the building development, the institutional equipment and the urban planning composition.
3. The social components are: the feeling living in the city and spatial behaviours.
4. The components are in the interrelation which together and are creating the landscape of the city.

It is a thesis, that in the landscape of small cities the components are as islands of urbanity what influences social components directly and is reflected in behaviours of spatial residents and their feeling living in the city.

In the objective of the verification of the thesis case studies were entertained in Łęczyca, Drzewica, Tuszyń and Ujazd. Based on the conducted research on the spatial and social structure conclusions were expressed:

In the space of explored small cities are typically areas municipal as well as nonmunicipal. Areas about urban features don't form clenched structures but form islands of urbanity. The thesis was confirmed. The islands of urbanity are in the space of cities and villages which were cities too. The conclusion is that the islands of urbanity have their historical conditioning. Analysis of the landscape of the chosen public spaces in the islands of urbanity was demonstrated the chaos and the spatial mess. A lack of the institution of the leisure time is a biggest problem. It is confirmed in public examinations.