An Appeal

The word 'cities' in the title of this dissertation may induce certain uncomfortability with respect to their mismatch with the adjective(s) 'small / medium'. A perfect match would have been 'towns' instead of 'cities'. The title unfortunately being registered under that head had been left undisturbed so as to avoid the unnecessary extra-academic wrangle that would otherwise have to be borne, if efforts for a changeover were made.

Hence, with all humbleness, I appeal to all concerned who shall honour me by getting through this dissertation to take account of the word 'town' instead of 'cities' for the title.

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