

## SUMMARIES

### THE CITIES IN ESTATES REPRESENTATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AT THE END OF THE MIDDLE AGES

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Using a comparative framework, the author examines the role of the cities in the Estates representation in Poland, Lithuania, the *Ordensstaat* Prussia, Bohemia, and Hungary in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. German settlements and German municipal law were a common feature of these areas, which thus showed analogous development. As a result, only independent royal cities acquired political significance. The cities, however, displayed no solidarity with one another, particularly because of economic rivalries, but in addition, they were not internally unified due to the intermixture of the patriciate with the nobility. They did not think in terms of Estates. In Poland, the cities completely lost their right to speak at the end of the epoch, while in Bohemia and Hungary, these rights remained, at least formally.