


Wien Kulturgut: Web Portal for the Contribution of Archaeological Data from the Paleolithic until Today

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When did the first humans appear in the Vienna Basin? The city of Vienna has been closely connected with relics of the Ice Age for several centuries. In the year 1546 bones of a mammoth were interpreted as bones of Gog and Magog, the biblical giants. Those remains were found during the construction of the north tower of St. Stephen's Cathedral in 1443 and labelled with AEIOU. This stands for either *Austriae est imperare orbi universe* [Austria is destined to rule the world] or *Austria erit in orbe ultima* [Austria will be the last (surviving) in the world], which was the motto of Emperor Friedrich III. There is reason to believe that the territory of Vienna was also important for Ice Age hunting and gathering societies, as was the surrounding area of Lower Austria and the Danube region. It can be assumed that geographically prominent places such as the Wiener Pforte represented typical landmarks for Ice Age groups.

In December 2000, the Web Portal [Wien Kulturgut](#) [Vienna cultural assets] (formerly known as Wiener Kulturgüterkataster [Vienna cultural asset register]) went online. Since this time technology has changed, and new content has been uploaded. Since its start the Web Portal was highly accepted by both the citizens of Vienna and tourists alike. Vienna's cultural heritage Web Portal is the digital city map of Viennese culture and provides access to essential characteristics of the city's identity. Many maps show the cultural-historical trajectory and plot the development of urban planning from the early times until the present. The web portal offers everyone who is interested access to digitally recorded cultural heritage, which is stored and researched at various locations in Vienna. More than 4000 digitally available archaeological resources can be searched and filtered according to different criteria. In my talk I present the Web Portal as an analytical tool together with the [Vienna Archaeological Geographic Information System](#) (VAGIS).

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