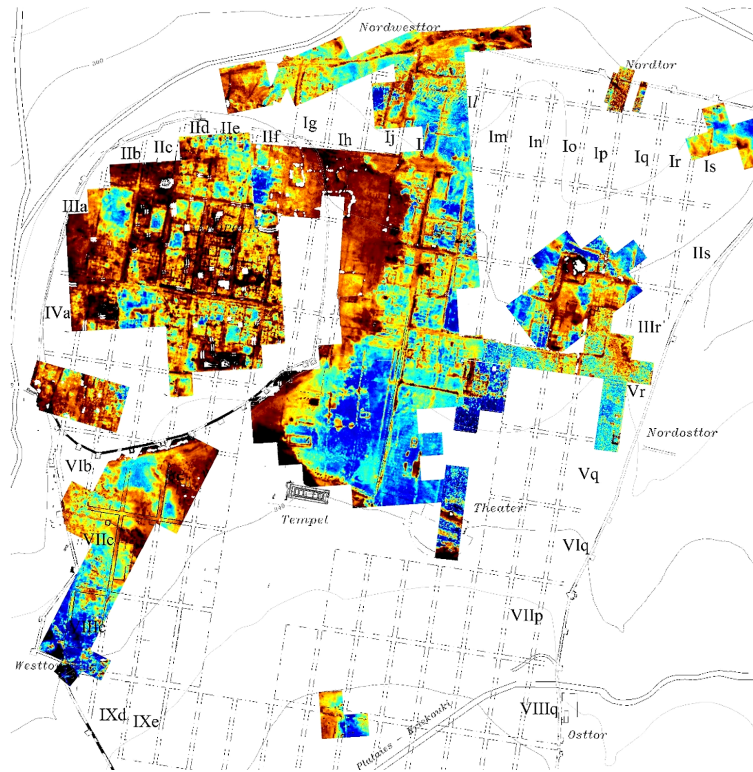


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A »FORGOTTEN« POLIS

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Except of lending its name to the battle in 479 BC, and a short spell of research conducted by American scholars in the 1890s, Plataiai might well have deserved to be called a »forgotten« Polis – that is until a joint project of the Ephorate of Boiotia and the ÖAI, with support from the Fitch Laboratory at the BSA, commenced at the site. It yielded a wealth of data which now allows to set the beginning of Plataiai's history in the Neolithic, follow its development through the Bronze and Iron Ages and to draw a clear and quite detailed picture of the polis' fortifications as well as its internal structure during the Hellenistic and Roman epochs.