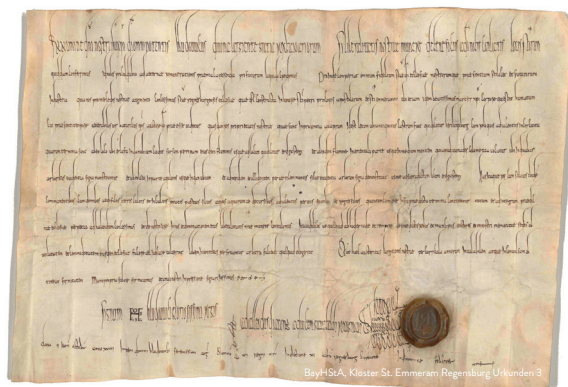


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A goal of the project Mapping Medieval Peoples: Visualizing Semantic Landscapes in Early Medieval Europe (MMP) (IMAFO/ÖAW) is the interdisciplinary study of the perception and construction of early medieval *gentes* and their representation in late antique and early medieval spatial discourse. Developing tools for semantic network analysis and geovisualization, MMP reconstructs the mental maps of medieval authors and their perceptions of peoples and regions. It examines a wide array of texts from different genres in order to elucidate how ethnic terminology, ethnonyms and perceptions of space were intertwined with one other.

The workshop will investigate the discourse on ethnonyms and their spatial locations in a Merovingian and Carolingian perspective and will primarily focus on specific authors and/or narrative clusters showing a strong intertextuality, such as annals or hagiography.

Papers will explore how early medieval authors located ethnonyms within their mental map of contemporary and past realms, borders and spaces beyond. What were the underlying spatial ideas, and what were the motives behind the placement of certain ethnonyms? Where did this knowledge come from, and how was it transformed? By attempting to situate these ethnonyms on a modern map, can we adequately portray the early medieval landscape of power? Or does this force us to confront discursive strategies that reflect the wishes, dreams and ideas of the ruling elites?

Further topics cover ideas of geographies and their reflection in the topographies of power, constructed territories, imagined space(s), lieu de *mémoire*, *Sehnsuchtsorte*, non-places, geography of Otherness, frontiers etc. and their connection to ethnonyms in the widest sense.

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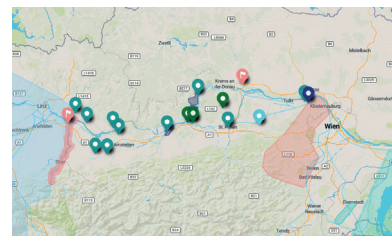
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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER | SEMINAR ROOM



9:00 – 10:40 WELCOME AND PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Veronika Wieser, Katharina Winckler

Moderator: Maximilian Diesenberger

MEROVINGIAN IDEAS OF SPACE AND TERRITORY

Andreas Fischer: Ethnonyms and Mental Maps: Alemanni and Suebi in Merovingian Historiography

NEW TERRITORIES (PART 1)

Thomas Lienhard: How did the Carolingians Perceive the Dalmatian Coast (1st half of the 9th century)?

10:40 – 10:55 COFFEE BREAK

10:55 – 12:15 Moderator: Veronika Wieser

NEW TERRITORIES (PART 2)

Mariña Bermúdez Beloso: 'What's in a name?' About the *Regionem Carantanorum*, the *Karantana Provincia* and the Possibilities for Mapping it

Katharina Winckler: The Carolingian Avaria

12:15 – 13:20 LUNCH BREAK

13:20 – 14:40 Moderator: Laura Gazzoli

DISTRIBUTION OF SPATIAL IDEAS

Sören Kaschke: Mapping and Re-mapping the Frankish World: The Use of Ethnonyms in the *Annales Regni Francorum* and its Derivatives

Cinzia Grifoni: Collecting Knowledge at Bobbio. Peoples and Space in a Late Carolingian Glossary

14:40 – 15:00 COFFEE BREAK

15:00 -16:20 Moderator: Francesco Borri

LOMBARD WORLDS

Christopher Heath: Finding the Italo-Romans in the *Historia Langobardorum* of Paul the Deacon

Thom Gobbitt: Langobard Legal Actors in the Lombard Laws: Ethnonyms, Multi-legalism and Manuscript Contexts

16:20 – 16:40 COFFEE BREAK

16:40 - 18:00 Moderator: Katharina Winckler

IMAGINARY SPACE

Francesco Borri: Magonia – a Weird Place to End the Day

Conclusion & Final Discussion

The event will take place in compliance with the valid Covid measures. Registration is requested.