

## HiMAT – Project Part 02 (Mining and Settlement in Schwaz)

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As in 2007, the historical research conducted by project part 02 focused on two different levels: on the one hand the systematical examination and transcribing of mining-relevant material within the major source complex, the so called “Kopialbücher” (cartulary), preserved in the Tiroler Landesarchiv (Tyrolean State Archive), continued. Especially the periods between 1466 and 1500 (“Ältere Kopialbücher”) and the decade between 1680 and 1690 (“Bekennen”, “Entbieten und Befehle”, “Geschäft von/an Hof”, “Geheime Missiven”) were of importance.

On the other hand, the individual research questions concerning settlement and social structure were further investigated. The survey on the social structure in a mining-dominated area is conducted on the basis of the church records for two villages in the Greater Schwaz area (Vomp/Pill). The historical data collected in the church records (baptismal, marriage and death records) was transferred into two separate databases, covering the periods between 1640 and 1690 for Vomp and 1597 and 1720 for Pill. In addition, rent rolls and the 1687 tax list for the district court of Friendsberg-Schwaz were transcribed. The Friendsberg-Schwaz court books (Gerichts- und Verfachbücher) were also examined for mining-related entries, which were transcribed between 1680 and 1690.

In order to be able to contribute historical information on the interdisciplinary research area of “Kogelmoos”, a microhistorical study was started. Information on the families living at “Kogelmoos” between 1640 and 1820 was gathered and presented in collaboration with PP03 and PP11 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Milestone Meeting in Silbertal, Montafon/Vorarlberg.

The interdisciplinary special (double)issue of the renowned journal “Der Anschnitt”, initiated in 2007, was finally published in 2008. The historical papers concentrated on the still much discussed beginnings of mining and the disputed population size in the Greater Schwaz area. The exceptional legal status of miners and the conferment of mining rights in the first decades of reported mining activities were also discussed, the latter being also prepared for publication as a historical source edition. Further research results on the supply situation in the Greater Schwaz area were also presented at the afore mentioned Milestone Meeting. Together with PP11, the impact of mining on the ecological and social space was presented in an interdisciplinary approach at a conference in Göttingen/Germany. Project part 02 also contributed its research results to the presentation of the SFB HiMAT at the annual “Lange Nacht der Forschung” (Long Night of Research) at the University of Innsbruck.

A diploma thesis, analysing the extent to which various population groups profited from the mining activities in Schwaz, is about to be finished.