

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

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The number of personnel employed in project part 02 remained unchanged and involves two parttime employees and two marginally employed researchers. Additionally, a postgraduate student working parttime on the medieval and early modern mining in the Montafon/Vorarlberg, financed by the Vorarlberg State Government, was associated with project part 02. The doctoral dissertation is being collaboratively supervised by the heads of project parts 02 and 08. Archaeological findings excavated by project part 08, as well as source material preserved in the museum of local history in Schruns/Vorarlberg provide the basis for analyses, as do various other written sources in the Vorarlberger Landesarchiv (Vorarlberg State Archive) in Bregenz and the Tiroler Landesarchiv (Tyrolean State Archive) in Innsbruck.

The research conducted in the main research area Schwaz covered the systematic examination of the source complex “Kopialbücher” (cartulary) and the transcription of mining-related entries, as well as the continuation of analytical work on the topics of settlement and population structure in the Greater Schwaz area. However, the focus had shifted from Vomp and Pill to the parish of St. Margarethen (villages Buch/Gallzein) in the vicinity of Schwaz. The cartularies “Ältere Kopialbücher” were examined and transcribed for the period between 1466 and 1500; the “Jüngere Reihe” between 1686 and 1690. The church records (baptismal, marriage and death records) for the parish of St. Margarethen were completely transferred into a database, covering the period between 1634 and 1897. Furthermore the 1722 “Waldbeschreibung” (forest description) for Schwaz and the 1776 land register for Gallzein were transcribed.

Besides the research work done in the archives, project part 02 started to evaluate and interpret their research results. Preliminary results were presented at the mining-conference “Montanregion als Sozialregion” (montane region as social region) in Steinhaus im Ahrntal/South Tyrol, where three employees participated. Furthermore, a talk was held at the international congress “Mining in European History” in Innsbruck, where project part 02 also presented two posters. Scientific papers illustrating the interdisciplinary approach of HiMAT, using the case study “Kogelmoos”, as well as on the topic of ecological and social space in the mining area of Schwaz during the 17th century were published. The second volume of the History of Mining Law was published as a monography, dealing less with the law itself but with the actual situation in the Schwaz mining area. Designed as an edition, the monography comprises of source-transcripts and a register.