



# Digitising (Historical) Patterns of Power

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## DIGITISING PATTERNS OF POWER (DPP) Peripheral Mountains in the Medieval World

The project focuses on the analysis of the depiction of space in medieval written sources, of the interaction between built and natural environment, of appropriation of space and the emergence of new political, religious and economic structures of power. DPP compares four regions of the medieval world: the Eastern Alps (6th-12th cent.), the Morava-March Region (6th-11th cent.), the historical region of Macedonia (12th-14th cent.) and historical Southern Armenia (Vaspurakan, 5th-11th cent.).

Historical and archaeological data will be digitised, combined and geo-referenced with the help of tools deriving from Digital Humanities (data basis – using the OpenAtlas database, geo-visualisation and spatial analysis, quantitative and correspondence analysis).

Data and results will be presented online as open access and linked to other data repositories.



### Case Studies

In four Case Studies the project will investigate patterns of power in selected areas of the European middle ages.

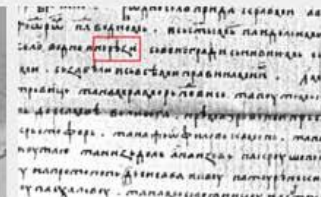
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### Geocommunication

In cooperation with the Institute of Geography at the University of Vienna, the Case Studies can be experienced online via a geo-visualisation.

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### Digitalisation

In two case studies, manuscripts and editions will be digitized, geotagged and connected with the geo-visualisation.

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### Repository

All the collected data will be searchable via an online database. Additionally, shapefiles, KML and articles can be downloaded.

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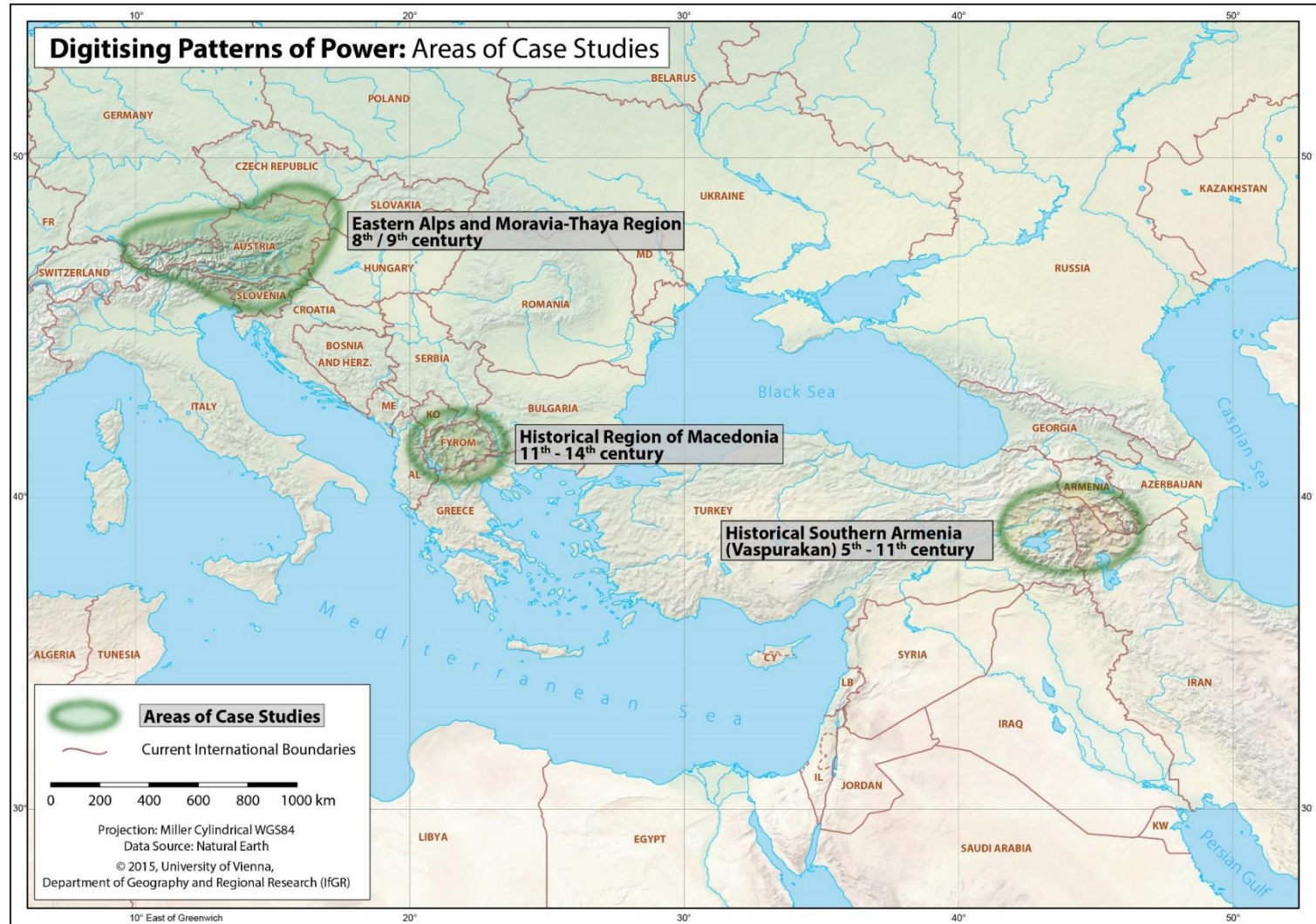
# Involved Institutions

- Austrian Academy of Sciences
  - Institute for Mediaeval Research
    - Archaeology
    - Mediaeval History
    - Byzantine Studies
  - Project lead
  
- University of Vienna
  - Department of Geography and Regional Research
    - Cartography and Geocommunication

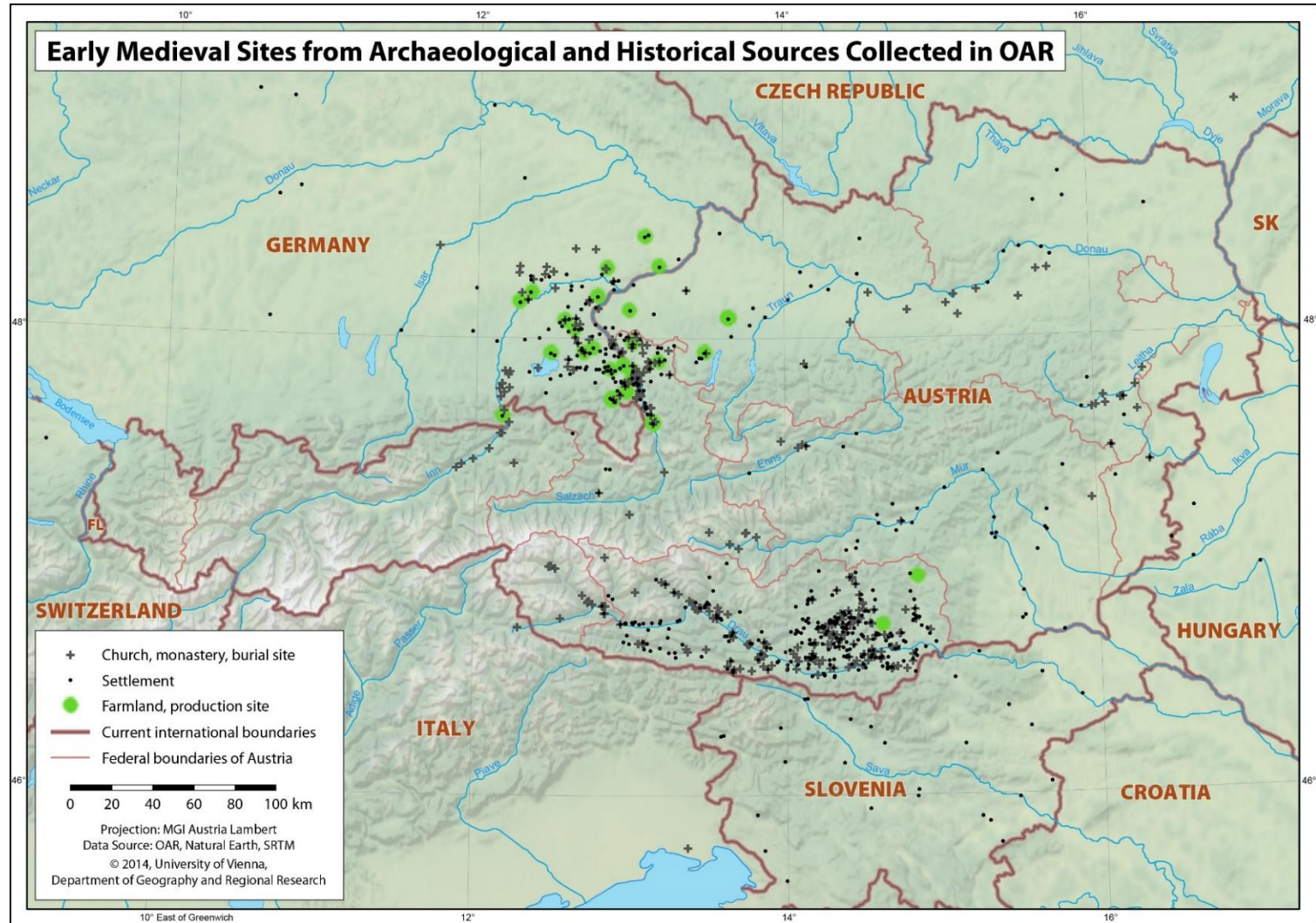




# Case Studies: Representation of Space in Mediaeval Texts

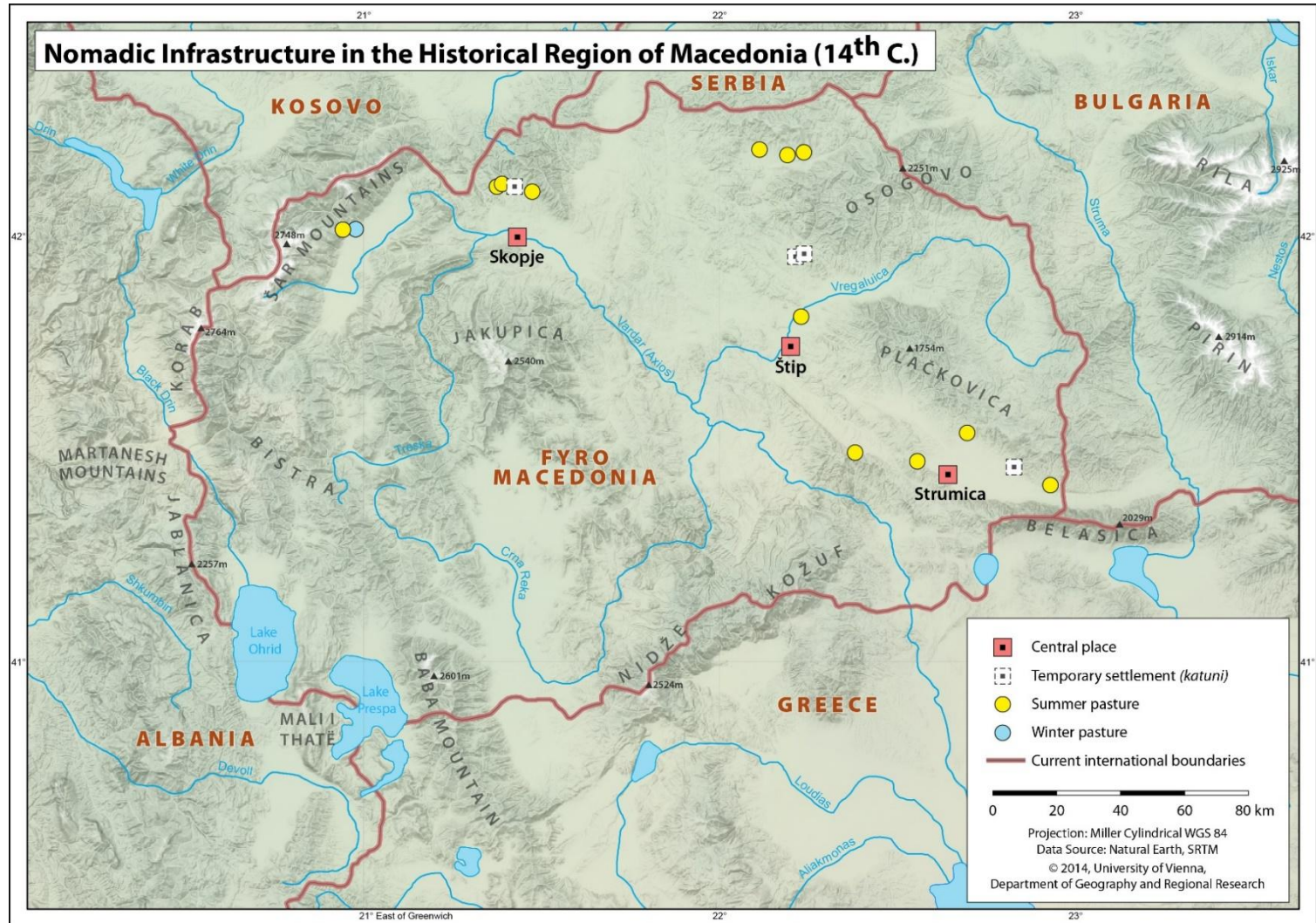


# Patterns of Power: Appropriation of Land and Areas of Influence

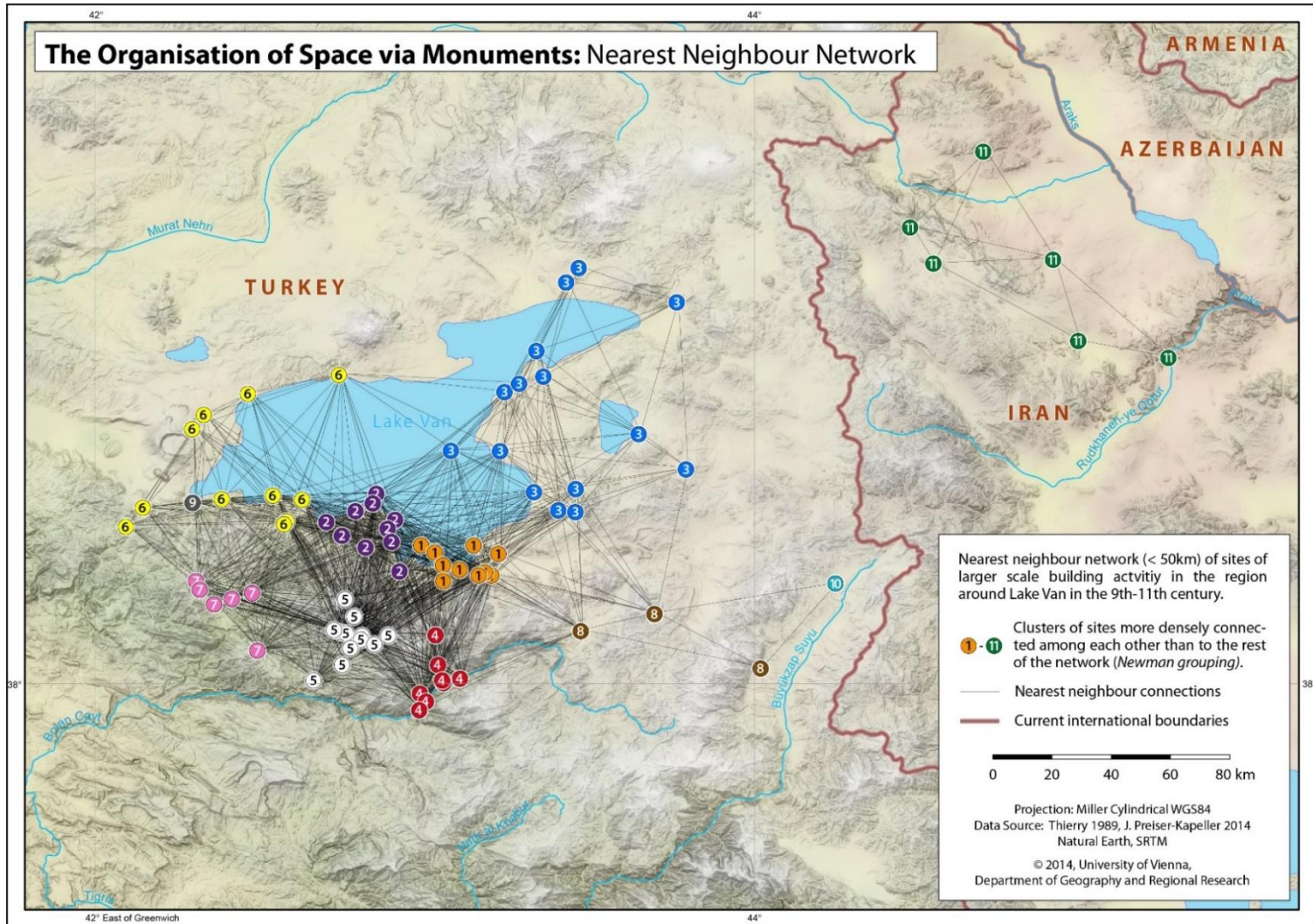




# Patterns of Power: Central Places and Infrastructure



# Patterns of Power: Power Structures





# Cartography and Geocommunication

- Map centred online application
  - High quality base map, specific to the research project
- Representation of uncertainty
- Story maps
  - Representation of predefined topics



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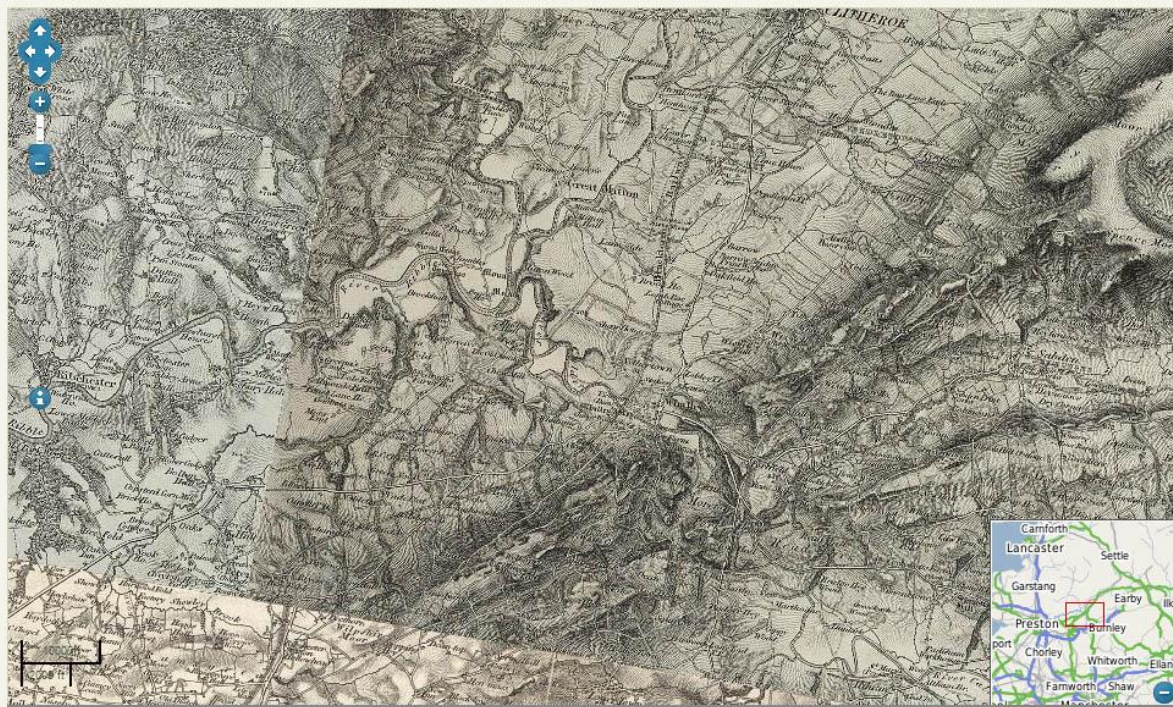
# A vision of BRITAIN THROUGH TIME

A vision of Britain between 1801 and 2001. Including maps, statistical trends and historical descriptions.

- Home
- Places
- Statistical atlas
- Historical maps
- Census reports
- Travel writing
- Learning zone
- Data access

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## Ordnance Survey and Ordnance Survey of Scotland First Series

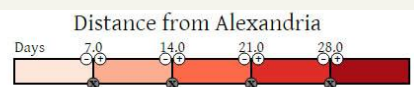


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According to the Fastest routes from Alexandria to the rest of the Roman world in July, sites are this far away.

- The most distant major sites are:
- Londinium (47 Days)
  - Lugdunum (37 Days)
  - Corduba (36 Days)
  - Mediolanum (31 Days)

- Cartogram
- Zones



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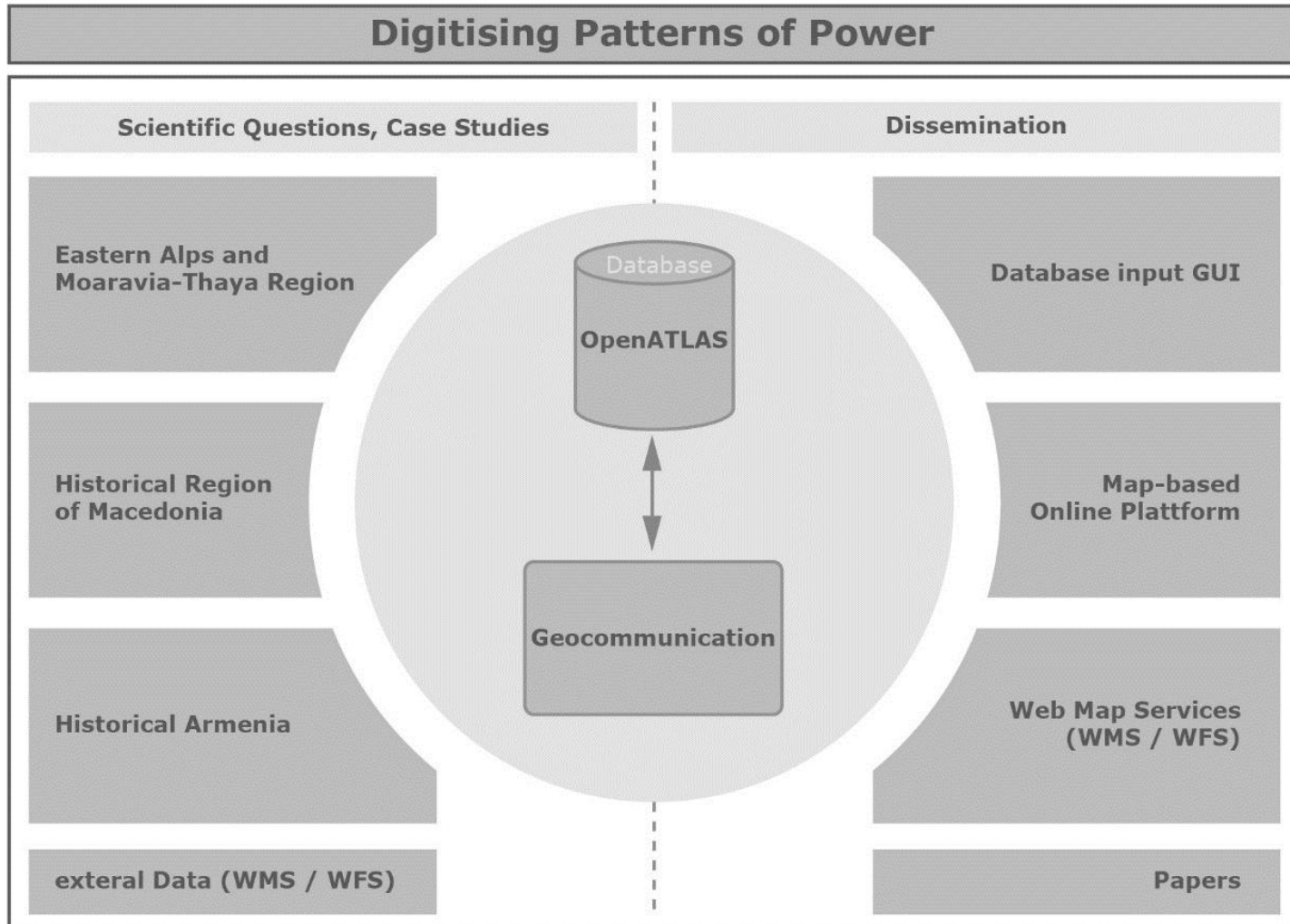
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 Path Coloring

# Database

- Entities taken from written sources
  - Actors
  - Locations
  - Documents
  - Events
- Archaeological remains
- Relations between entities
- Temporal and spatial uncertainty



# Project Structure





# Challenges

- Visualisation of various entities
- Inhomogeneous certainty of data
  - Representation in different scales
- Usability vs. performance vs. flexibility

# Thank You For Your Attention!

Homepage: <http://dpp.oeaw.ac.at/>

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