

Christoph Sonnlechner und Manuel Swatek, Der Mauterner Tauschvertrag von 1137 und die Neuordnung des Wiener Raumes

Abstract: The Mautern Exchange Treaty of 1137 and the Reorganisation of the Region of Vienna

In the 1120s and 1130s, an enormous restructuring process took place in the Vienna region which, once the border with Hungary had been stabilised, developed into an area of opportunity for both spiritual and secular lords. Vienna, the former site of a Roman fort, played a special role in this context due to its strategic location on the Danube and on the slopes of the Vienna Woods. The conflicts of interest between the Bishop of Passau and the Babenberg Margrave culminated in the Mautern Exchange Treaty of 1137. Taking into account for the first time key archaeological findings and investigations into the emerging parish church structure, it can be shown that this treaty was the decisive document to allow the subsequent urban development of Vienna. 1137 marked the starting point of the monumental expansion of St. Stephen's as the seat of a canonical parish now recognised by all parties involved.

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