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The Imperial Aulic Council (Reichshofrat) and the supreme jurisdiction of the Holy Roman Empire in early modern times

- Formation in the first half of the 16th century, liquidation 1806
- Functions both as an imperial advisory board and as a supreme court of the empire
- Concurrent jurisdiction with the Imperial Chamber Court (Reichskammergericht):
  - Legal actions against persons/corporations directly subjected to the empire
  - Matters of violation of the public peace
  - Court of appeals for the courts of the territories of the empire
- Exclusive jurisdiction
  - Imperial feuds and privileges, legal actions in the imperial territories in Italy
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The record group „Imperial Aulic Council“
in the Family, Court & State Archives Vienna

- Holdings include eleven different series of courtfiles with approximately 70,000 - 80,000 units of description (late 15th century up to 1806)
- Present level of description: Inventories mainly from the 18th and 19th centuries, based on the names of the claimants ► insufficient for thematically oriented research

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Since 2009 inventories appear in print in the Erich Schmidt publishing house (Berlin).

Up to now two volumes of both APA- and Antiqua-series with 1,700 data sets are available.
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• The record group „Reichshofrat“ consists of files with a very high grade of „aggregation“.

• „Archives on the web“ offer future perspectives for a tectonic networking with holdings not only in the Austrian State Archives but in archives all across Europe.
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Thank you for your attention!

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