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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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Primary responsibility:	Academy of Sciences Göttingen
Partners of cooperation:	Austrian State Archives and Austrian Academy of Sciences
Project period:	2007-2025
Manning:	Two members of research staff, Two student assistants
Topic:	Description of two series, containing about one third of all courtfiles

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The two series described by the project

Alte Prager Akten (APA)	Antiqua
Time span: Mainly late 16th and early 17th centuries (reign of emperor Rudolf II.)	Time span: Mainly 17th century
Volume of stock: 19 linear metres respectively about 5.000 units of description	Volume of stock: 135 linear metres respectively about 16.000 units of description

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

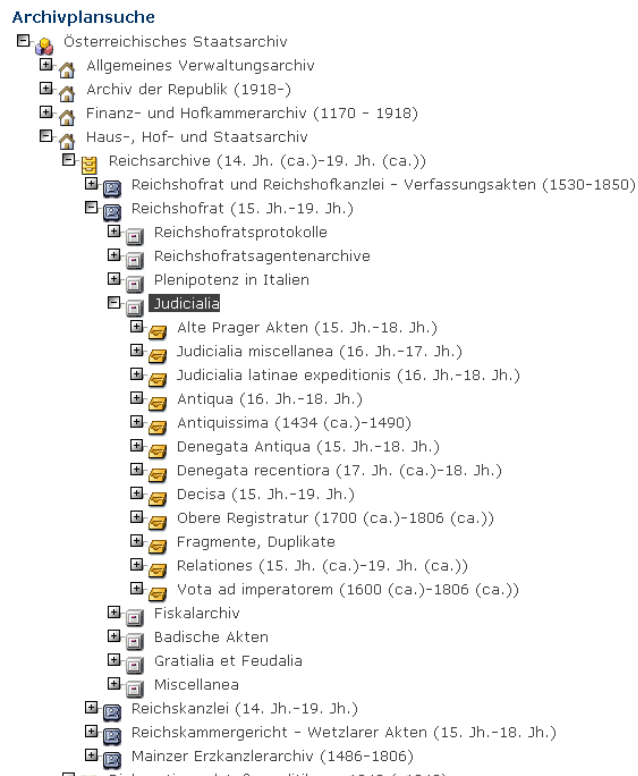
Up to now two volumes of both APA- and Antiqua-series with 1.700 data sets are available.

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Webpresentation on the homepage
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► www.archivinformationssystem.at ◀

- 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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