Economic History of the Ancient World illustrated by the example of Roman Amphorae IV

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1. A brief introduction to the economic history of the ancient world

Development of research activities and ancient sources: contributions from the Ancient

History and from the Archaeology

Why amphorae as an example of an economic history of the ancient world? Other containers used for transport and shipping

- 2. What information do amphorae give?
 Residues of content, painted inscriptions, types, fabrics, geochemistry
- 3. Case study I: transport in the western Mediterranean by the example of Mainz and its surrounding areas

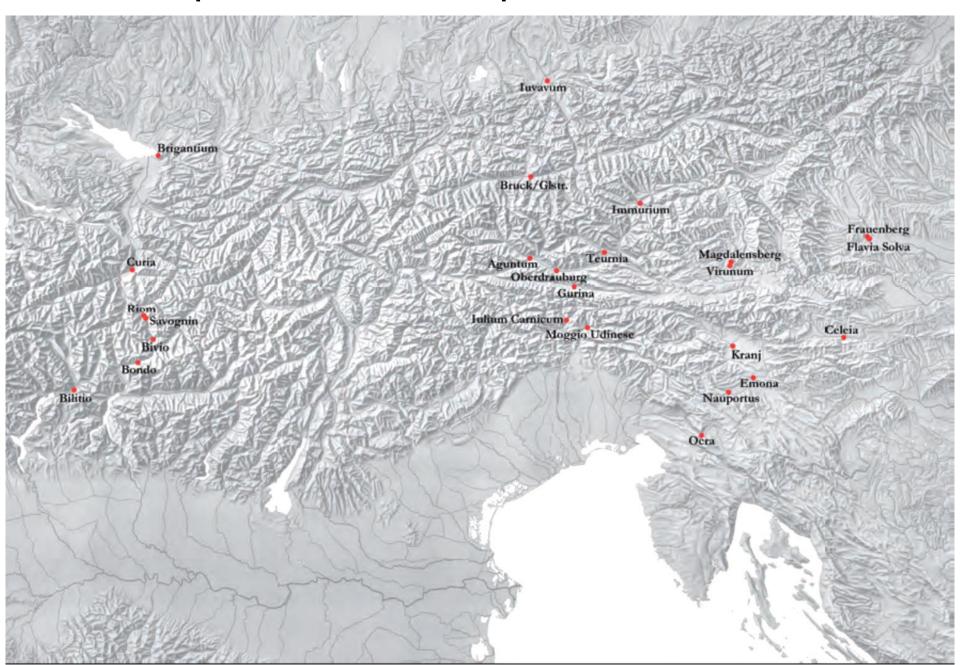
What happens to the empty amphorae? Reuse and waste disposal by the example of Dangstetten, the first Roman military camp north of the Alps

4. Case study II: transport in the Eastern Alps region by the example of the southern and inner alpine regions of the later province of Noricum

Considerations concerning ancient global economy and economic regions

- 5. Painted inscriptions from an excavation in Roman Cologne: the largest ensemble north of the Alps
 - Considerations concerning the function of the painted inscriptions on Roman amphorae.

Amphorae in the Eastern Alpine Area: studied sites



Amphorae in the Eastern Alpine Area: some studied sites







Aguntum



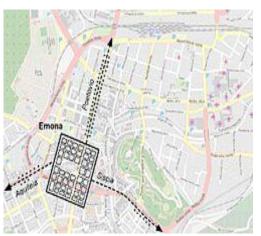
Iulium Carnicum



Gurina

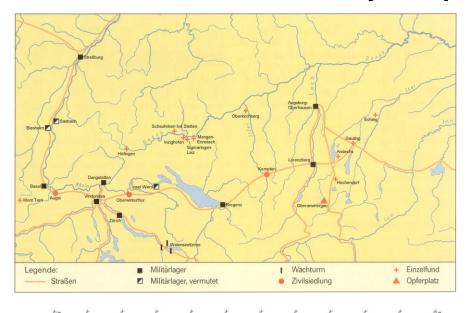


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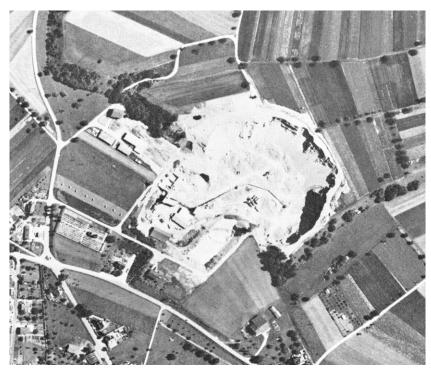


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The Roman military camp of Dangstetten ~ 15-8/7 BC

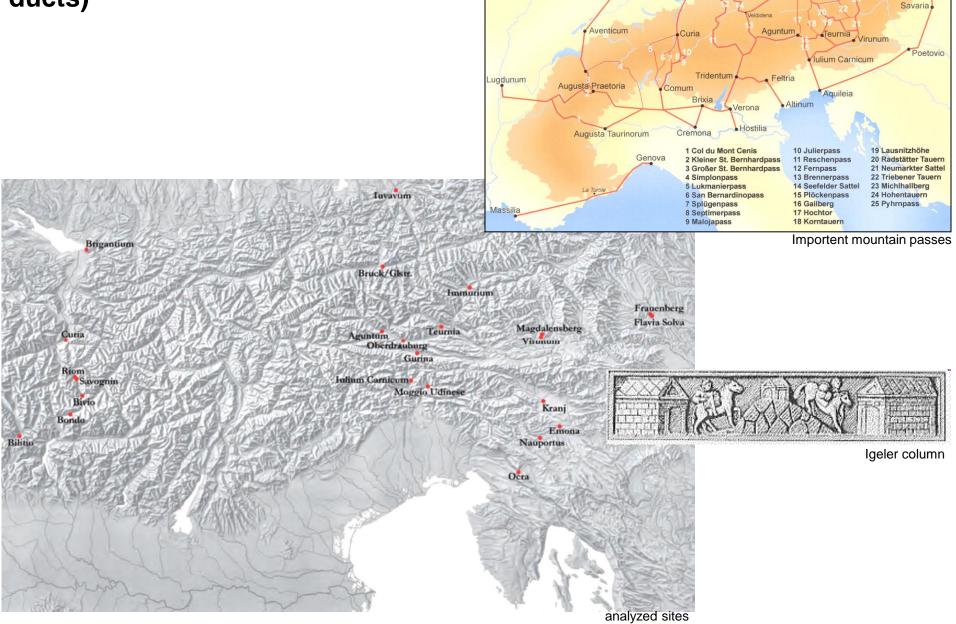








Amphorae in the Eastern Alpine Area (first imports of mediterranean products)



Castra Regina

luvavum

Ovilava Lauriacum

Carnuntum

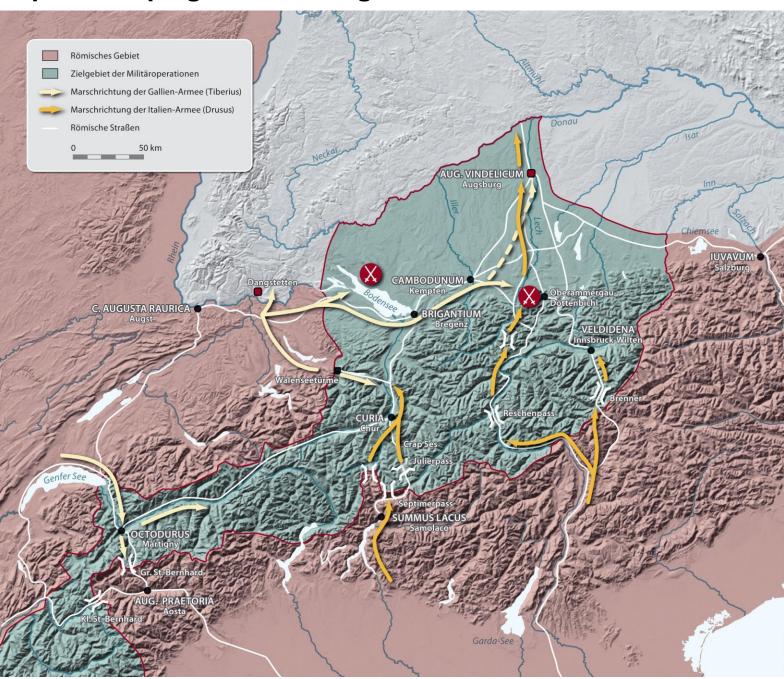
Scarabanthia

Submuntarium

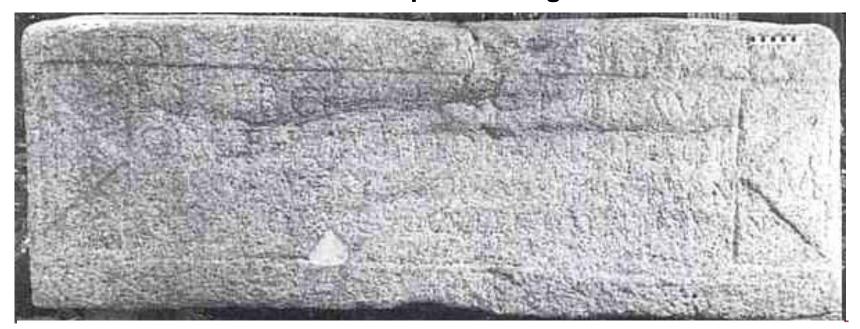
Augusta Vindelicum

Augusta Raurica

Alpine campaigns under Augustus



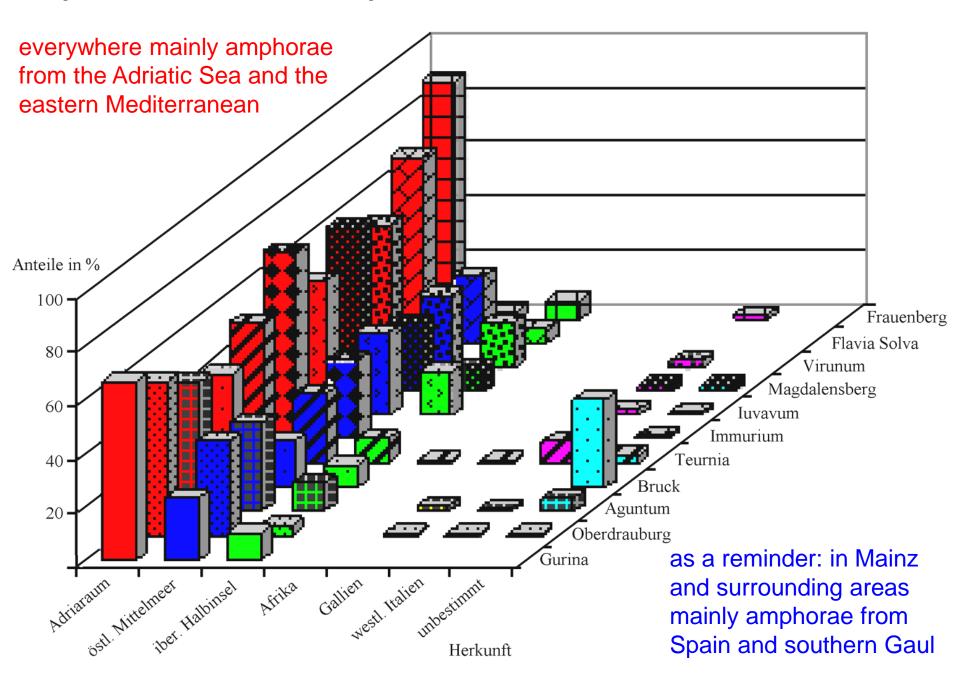
Professional traders across the Alps: clothing merchant in Fara Novarese



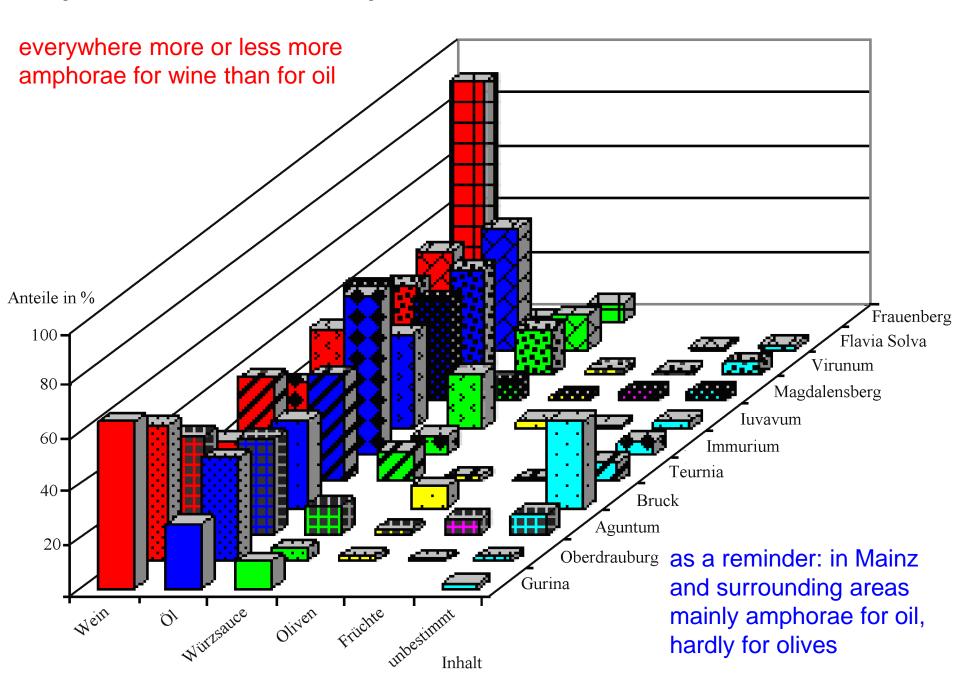


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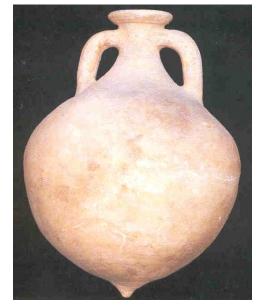
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Olives in the Eastern Alpine Area: imports from the Picenum in pots?



Typical amphorae for olive oil and wine on the Rhine and in the Eastern Alpine Area



baetican amphorae for olive oil



gaulish amphorae for wine

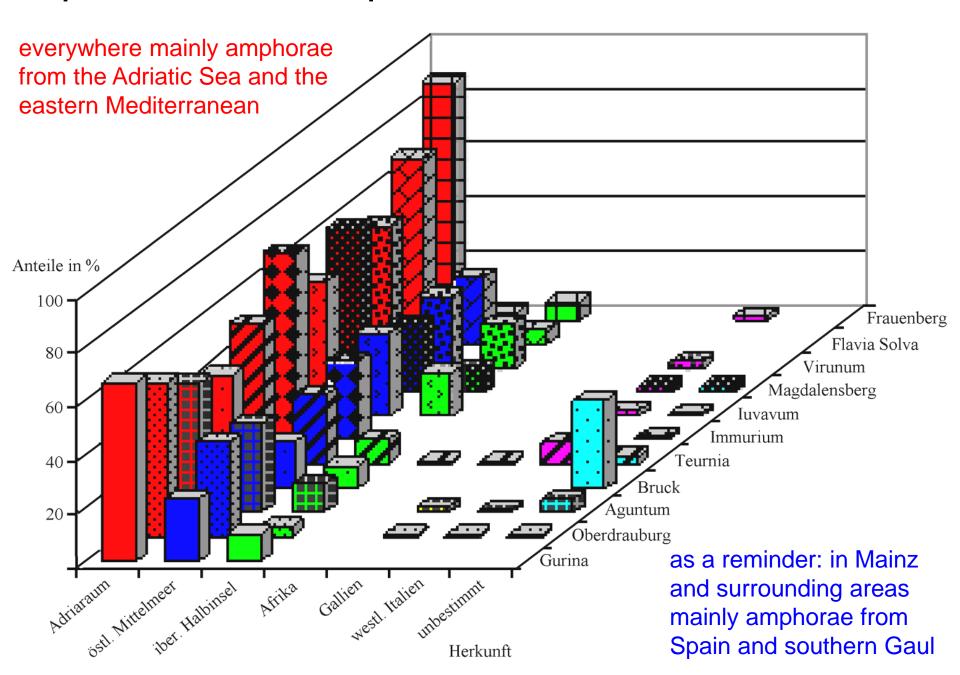


adriatic amphorae for olive oil

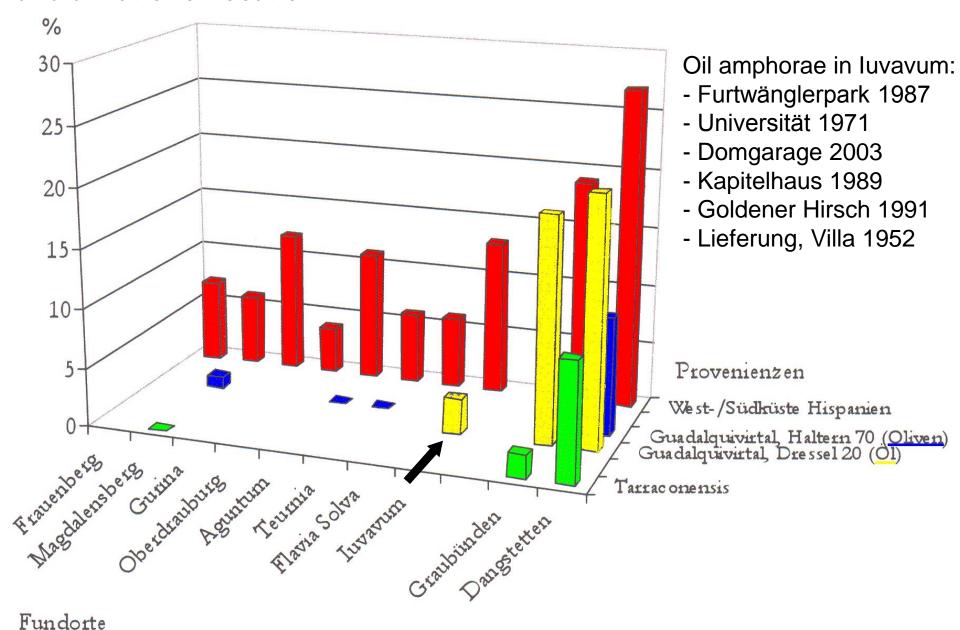


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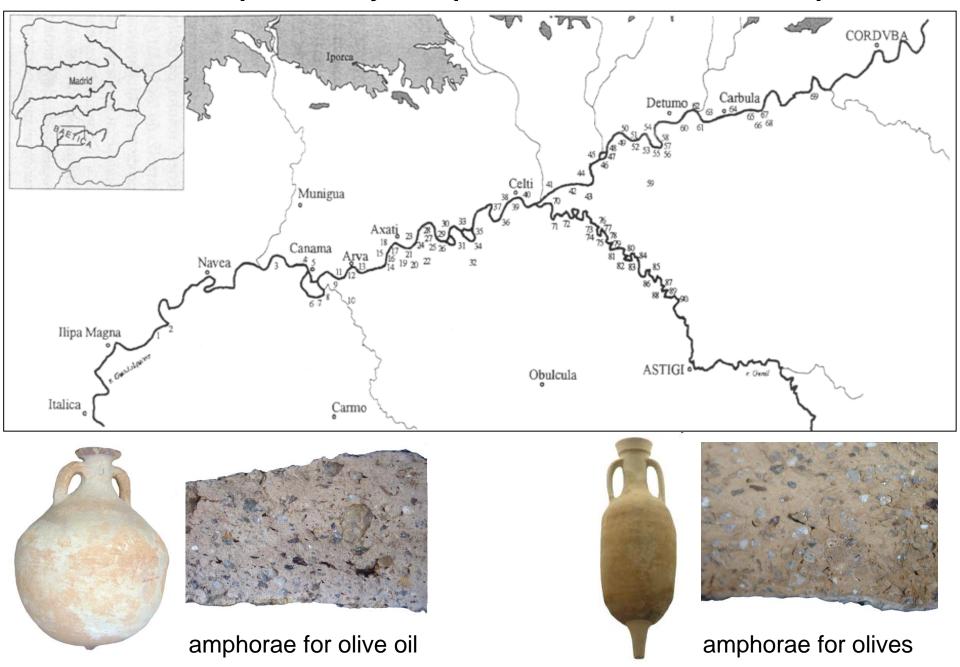
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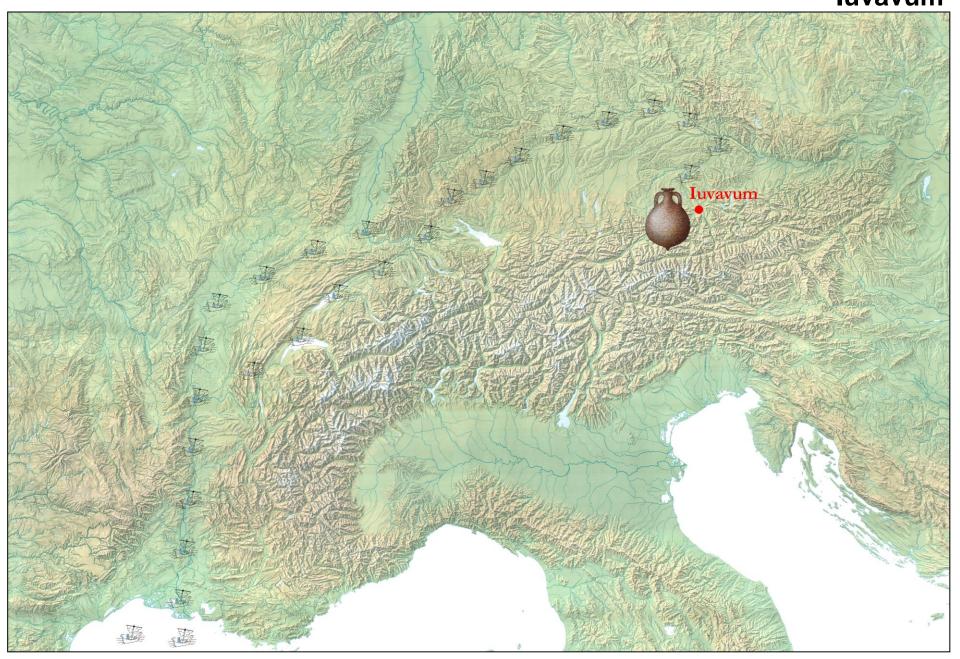
Iberian products in the Eastern Alpine Area: selective product choice and a matter of location



Baetican Guadalquivir Valley: 100 potteries for oil and olive amphorae



Baetican oil amphorae in early contexts in the Eastern Alpine Area only in Iuvavum



Roman amphorae:
An example of an ancient global economy or of economic regions?

