Historical Sources

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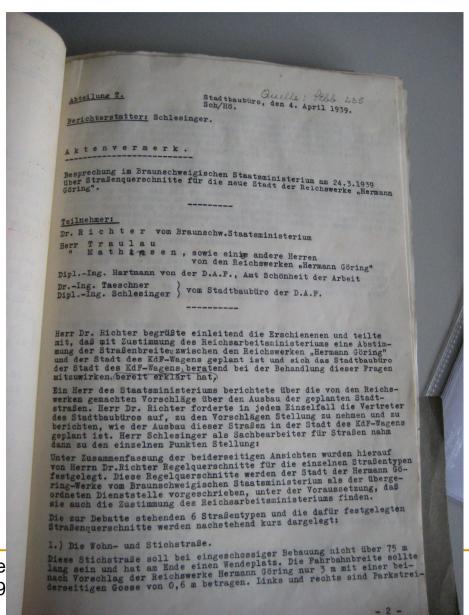
- Historical sources a definition
- Different kinds of historical sources
- Working with historical sources the historical method
- Archives

Historical sources – a definition

- All texts, objects or facts that give us information about the past
- material used for the reconstruction of the past
- basis of every historical research
- material argumentation is based on

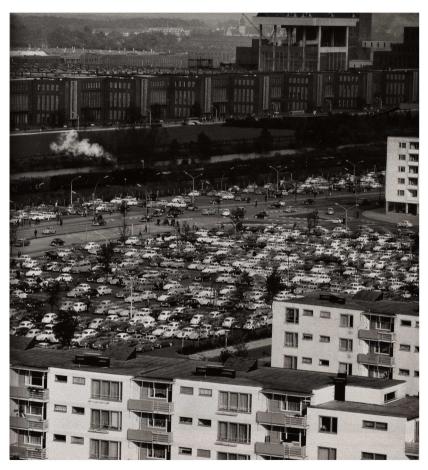
Primary sources – secondary sources?

Written sources



minutes of conference of state ministry Braunschweig, 1939

- Photos
- Paintings
- Plans/maps
- Films
- Radio/sound carriers



City of Wolfsburg, 1960s

- Other material sources (coins, clothes,...)
- Oral-history

Working with historical sources

- Defining historical problem/search for sources
- Source analysis
- Source interpretation

Archives

- Contain and keep historical sources
- Unique material
- Long-term conservation
- different kinds of archives

Archives

Finding aids of the city archive Saarbrücken



Archives

- Federal archive
- Regional archives
- City archives
- Cultural archives
- Press archives
- Film archives
- Etc.



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Thanks for your attention!