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### Periodizing Vienna: Capturing stability and change in local planning configurations - agency, structure, institutions, discourses

Vienna's urban history is a vastly researched field. The body of knowledge on the city's evolution from Ancient Roman settlement to networked Central European metropolis is extensive. Vienna's urban planning history, however, has not been researched nearly as intensively, despite the city being an often cited example of "good planning".

While periodizations of Vienna's modern economic and social history, or its urbanization phases provide researchers with a good overview and entry point to the city, there is no such equivalent for planning. However, a systematic perspective on historically dominant planning configurations in Vienna that goes beyond disjointed narrative urban planning historiographies would help contextualize the city's urban development and spatial policy - then and now.

In my presentation, I provide insight into my historical-relational-institutionalist study of Vienna's urban planning history and how its periodization has helped explain dominant political configurations of urban planning and planning decisions. I elaborate on the underlying Agency-Structure-Institution-Discourse heuristic and describe each dimension and their interactions for the example of Vienna.



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