



Scientific work Basics – Image Databases

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Image databases

Image databases simplify the procurement of images for presentations.

Not 'everything' can be found online, scans from printed publications - such as exhibition catalogs, excavation publications (plans, maps, finds in *situ*, etc.) - are unavoidable in most cases.

Plan enough time for scanning.

Important Online Resources:

Arachne

Prometheus

Propylaeum

(Image) databases of relevant museums (sculpture, ceramics, reliefs, etc.):

Often with catalog entries for individual objects (description, literature, etc.):

- ❖ New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art
- ❖ London, British Museum
- ❖ Paris, Musée du Louvre
- ❖ Berlin, Staatliche Museen Berlin



Image databases (selection)

Arachne

Image and object database (very good for sculpture: tomb reliefs, portraits, statues, etc.)

Free registration or institute access (ask for username and password from lecturers/supervisors)

[iDAI.objects / Arachne \(dainst.org\)](http://iDAI.objects/Arachne(dainst.org))

Prometheus

Network of local image databases (all epochs); free access from the university network (VPN!)

[Image databases | The prometheus image archive: High-quality images on art, culture and history](#)

VIAMUS

Virtual Museum of Antiquities of the University of Göttingen with over 2000 images of plaster casts of ancient sculpture + E-learning offer "Ancient Sculpture".

[Virtual Museum of Antiquities Goettingen - Home \(uni-goettingen.de\)](http://VirtualMuseumofAntiquitiesGoettingen-Home.uni-goettingen.de)

Beazley Archive Pottery Database (BAPD)

World's largest database of Greek painted ceramics (Greek vases)

[Pottery \(ox.ac.uk\)](http://Pottery.ox.ac.uk)

Google Images: CAN be very helpful (follow the hints for image selection!)





Arachne:

Goal = not just individual records,
but **network of objects and places**

Search results and **linked** objects/locations/buildings

Search results and categories

Building / individual objects

Arachne



With watermark
= no registration in Arachne

Arachne with download

ALWAYS save images
= higher quality

Nike of Samothrace

Arachne 4 - Screenshot



IMPORTANT NOTICE

This overview serves as a first orientation.

Please **additionally** attend the **introductory events to scientific work**. These convey central aspects, provide a practical insight and take place at the beginning of each semester.

1. Unit and image databases (Classical Archaeology and Archaeology of the Roman Provinces)
2. Literature review, citation guidelines and term paper (Classical Archaeology)
3. Literature review, citation guidelines and term paper (Archaeology of the Roman Provinces).

Watch for the appropriate announcements!