

## **Online edition of the file cards from the Central Depot for Confiscated Collections.**

### **A brief project presentation.**

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Established in autumn 1938, the Central Depot for Confiscated Collections on the bel étage of the Neue Burg in the centre of Vienna contained several thousand of objects from Viennese art collections, which were confiscated by the Nazis after March 1938 from their Jewish owners and later given to various museums. Until July 1940 the Kunsthistorisches Museum (KHM) in Vienna managed the Central Depot. Thereafter, until the depot's closure, the Institute for Monument Protection, the present-day Federal Monuments Authority Austria (BDA) was in charge. Both institutions used file cards to catalogue the looted art objects.

In order to make these sources publicly available for browsing and full text search, we scanned and transliterated the sources and added them to the general KHM database. This digital inventory works as the backend database for the website. For the provenance research community we implemented an access-level where the scientific community can add related information. Relevant additional information will gradually be added to the public website. The December 2017 online edition aims at building historical consciousness and making provenance research in Austria more visible.

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