ToposText and Wikidata

Putting digital tools within easy reach

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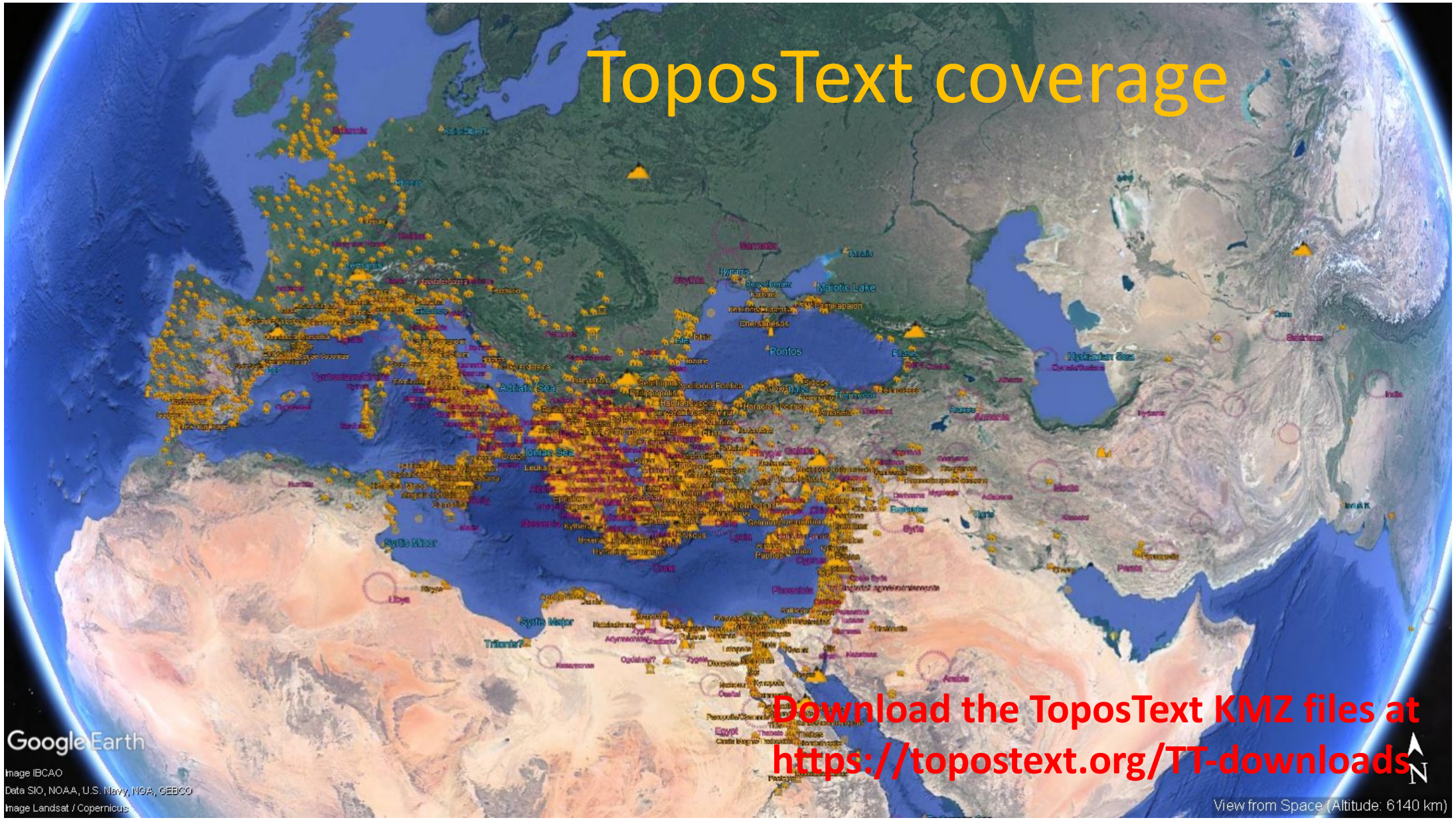
TOPOS TEXT

- Describe ToposText and its evolution.
- Why Wikidata?
- Follow-on projects:
  - Improved mapping interface
  - Detailed text annotation, e.g. Pausanias, Athenaeus
  - APIs.
- Building usable tools.

TopostText Goals:

- Comprehensive list of ancient sites in Greece with accurate coordinates.
- Critical mass of searchable, reusable ancient texts relevant to Greek topography, history, mythology, religion, and art/science.
- Easily searchable indices of places and people/ideas.
- Proximity search: “temple” AND “plague/pestilence”.
- Making itself obsolete through better data sharing.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ToposText depth - Athens
Poulopoulou 29
Piraic Gate
Demos and Graces
Stoa Poikile
Herms
Royal Stoa
Ag. Philippos
Peristhomisma
Altar of the Twelve Gods
Tzisdaraki mosque
Zeus Phratrios/Athena Phratria
Votive Pit
Square Peristyle
Kolonos Agoraios
Monopteros
Hadrian Library
Ag. Asomatos sta Skalia
Metroon
Panathenaic Way
Ag. Thomas
Quatrefoil church
Melite
Artemis Aristoboule
Agora of Athens
Bema
Stoa of Attalos
Eurysakeion
Tholos
Southwest Temple
Strategeion?
Middle Stoa
Pantainos Library
Fethiye Mosque
Medrese
Aiakeion
South Stoa
Nymphaion
Roman Agora
Tower of the Winds
Benizelos house
Agoranomeion
Kydathenaion
Triangular Shrine
Ag. Apostoloi
Kucuk Mosque
Southwest Bath
Diogeneion
Asteroskopeion
Ag. Marina
Zeus Sanctuary
Eleusinion
Gymnasium of Ptolemy
Theseion
House C
Rizokastron wall
Ag. Ioannis Theologos
Finlay/Church house
Hypapanti
Ag. Nikolaos/Seraphim
Semnai Theai
Ag. Nikolaos Rangavas
Klepsydra
Arrephoroi house
Pan cave
Areiopagos
Athena Promachos
Erechtheion
Altar of Athena
Old Athena T.
Athens
Beulé gate
Acropolis
Mycenaean wall
Opisthodomos
Pandion shrine?
Aglauros shrine
Anakeion
Pnyx
Meton's sundial?
Iobacchoi
Amyneion
Thrasyllos Monument
Lysikrates Monument
Ag. Aikaterina
Prytaneion
Street of Tripods
Herulian Wall
Asklepieion
Amazoneion
Odeion of Pericles
Eumenes Stoa
Dionysos Theatre
Nymphe Sanctuary
Pikionis
House of Proclus
Dionysos Eleuthereus
Gate XIV
Koile Road
Koile
Kimonian monuments
Diateichisma
Prison of Sokrates
Heptathronon
Ag. Paraskevi
Acropolis Mus.
Makrygiannis domus
Kronos and Rhea T.
Ilissos
Roman wall segment
Pantanassa
Kapnikarea
Syntagma Square
Diocharès VIII Gate
Panagia Gorgoepikoos
Sotira Lycodimou
Ag. Soteira Kottaki
Roman Bath
Zappeion Domus
Olympieion house
Olympieion bath
Gate IX Hippades?
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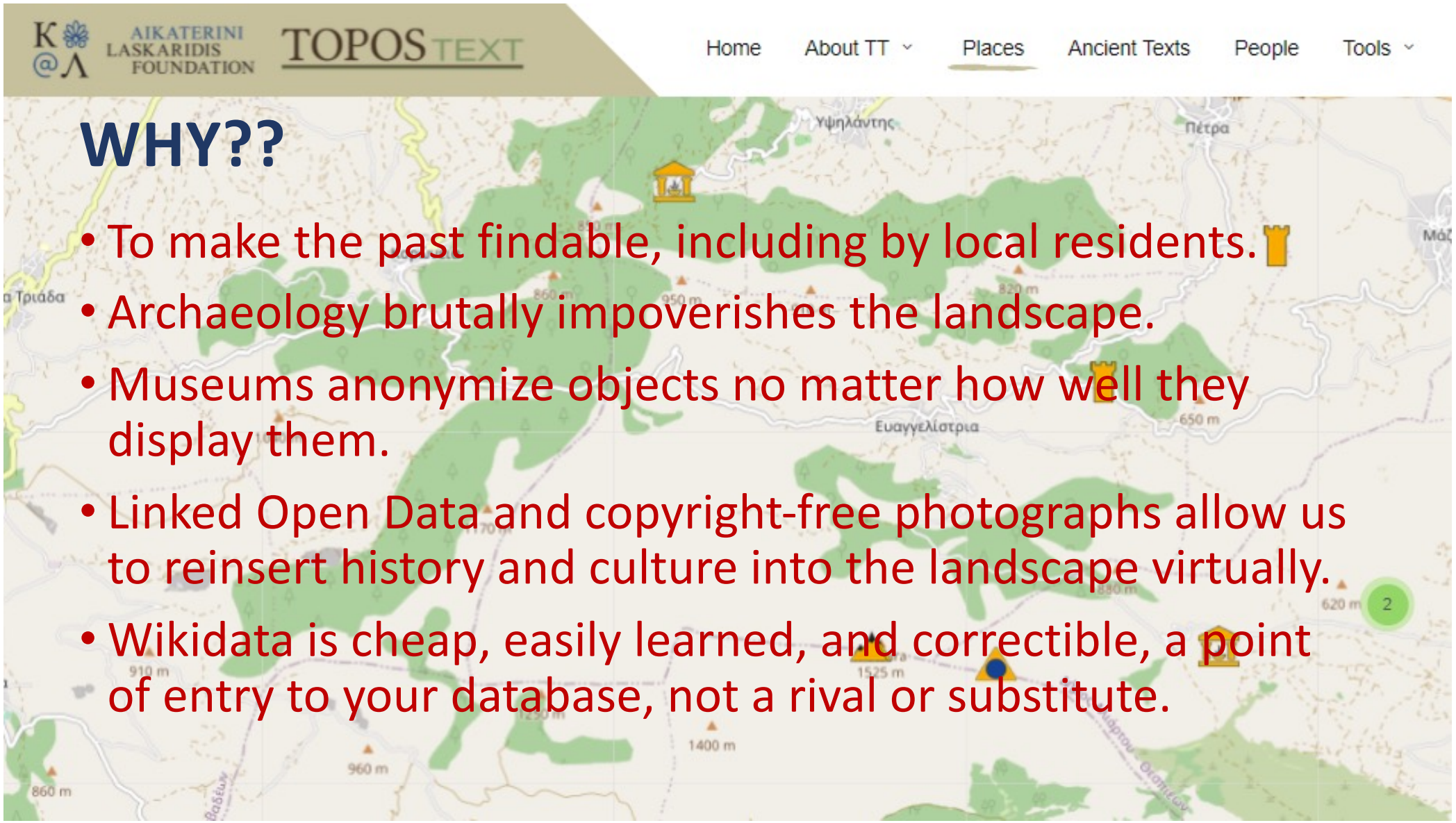
Larger Goal: Greece's past as linked *open* data:

- Comprehensive list of ancient sites/excavations in Greece, with accurate coordinates, ***AS WIKIDATA items and ideally Wikipedia articles***.
- Library of Wikidata-tagged ancient texts (people, places, artwork, etc.) in Wikisource.
- Greek museum objects and inscriptions as Wikidata items with find-spot, inventory number, other structured data.



WHY??

- To make the past findable, including by local residents.
- Archaeology brutally impoverishes the landscape.
- Museums anonymize objects no matter how well they display them.
- Linked Open Data and copyright-free photographs allow us to reinsert history and culture into the landscape virtually.
- Wikidata is cheap, easily learned, and correctible, a point of entry to your database, not a rival or substitute.

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Some early steps:
• ToposText places, people, and texts as Wikidata
• Wikidata items for Greek archaeological ephorates
• Mapping Ancient Athens excavations as Wikidata.
• English labels and key properties for orphan WD items.
Υψηλάντης
Πέτρα
Τριάδα
Ευαγγελίστρια
1040 m
1170 m
910 m
1250 m
1400 m
960 m
860 m
1525 m
880 m
620 m
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Description of Greece (Jones)/Book 6

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The Description of Greece (1918) *by Pausanias, translated*

←Book V *Ormerod* Book VI

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BOOK 6 [edit]

Olympia: Private Offerings [edit]

6.1.1 After my description of the votive offerings I must now go on to mention the statues of raceho the Olympic victors have had their statues erected; some, in fact, who have distinguished themselv

6.1.2 These I am forced to omit by the nature of my work, which is not a list of athletes who have w offerings generally. I shall not even record all those whose statues have been set up, as I know hov strength but by the chance of the lot. Those only will be mentioned who themselves gained some distinction, or whose statues happened to be better made than others.

6.1.3 On the right of the temple of Hera is the statue of a wrestler, Symmachus the son of Aeschylus. He was an Elean by birth. Beside him is Neolaidas, son of Proxenus, from Pheneus in Arcadia, who won a victory in the boys' boxing-match. Next comes Archedamus, son of Xenius, another Elean by birth, who like Symmachus overthrew wrestlers in the contest for boys. The statues of the athletes mentioned above were made by Alypus of Sicyon, pupil of Naucydes of Argos.

{{Anchor+|6.23.3}} There are also in the [[d:Q107031194|gymnasium]] altars of the gods, of [[d:Q83659|Idaean]] [[d:Q107040833|Heracles]], surnamed Parastates (Standing By), of [[d:Q121973|Eros]], of the deity called by [[d:Q23038544|Eleans]] and [[d:Q844930|Athenians]] alike [[d:Q572133|Anteros]] (love returned), of [[d:Q40730|Demeter]] and of her daughter. [[d:Q41746|Achilles]] has no altar, only a cenotaph raised to him because of an oracle. On an appointed day at the beginning of the festival, when the course of the sun is sinking towards the west, the [[d:Q23038544|Elean]] women do honor to [[d:Q41746|Achilles]], especially by bewailing him.

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q3323331
English (Len): Monument of Nikias
Description (Den): choregic monument on Acropolis south slope
Greek: Χορηγικό Μνημείο του Νικία
French: Monument de Nicias
Italian: Monumento coregico di Nicia
Statements:
instance of: Choragic Monument
archaeological site
Image: Choragic Monument of Nicias.jpg
Inception: 319 BCE
Culture: Ancient Greece
Country: Greece
located in the administrative territorial entity: Athens
Location: Acropolis South Slope
Beulé Gate (applies to part: superstructure)
coordinate location: 37°58'12"N, 23°43'37"E
time period: Archonship of Neaechmus, 320/19 BCE
architectural style: Doric order
Inscription: Νι[κ]ίας Νικοδήμου Ξυ[π]εταιὼν ἀνέθηκε νικήσας χορηγῶν Κεκροπίδι παίδων.Πανταλέων Σικυώνιο[ς] ηὔλει. ἆισμα· Ἐλπήνωρ Τιμοθέου· Νέ[αι]χμ[ο]ς ἦρχε. (Ancient Greek) 1 reference

Commons category: Choragic Monument of Nicias
Authority: Ephorate of Antiquities of the City of Athens
made from material: Pentelic marble
state of conservation: ruin, foundations only
Commemorates: Timotheus of Miletus
Nicias (sourcing circumstances: possibly)
Identifiers:
Google Knowledge Graph ID /g/122nj01m
ToposText place ID: 380237BNic

Wikipedia (5 entries)
el Χορηγικό Μνημείο του Νικία
en Choragic Monument of Nikias
fi Nikiaan muistomerkki
fr Monument de Nicias
it Monumento coregico di Nicia

Mapping Ancient Athens as Wikidata

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q110807919
English Label (Len): Diamantopoulou 14, Kokkini & 17-19 Perraivou
English Description (Den): rescue excavation in Athens, 1969
Greek Label (Lel): No label defined
Greek Description (Del): No description defined
Statements:
instance of (P31): rescue excavation
country (P17): Greece
location (Q1524): Athens
coordinate location (P625): 37°57'59.281"N, 23°43'57.054"E
start time (P580): 1969
end time (P582: 1969
organizer (P664): Γ' Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities
described at URL (P973): https://map.mappingancientathens.org/plot/935
archaeological site of (P9047): Cynosarges
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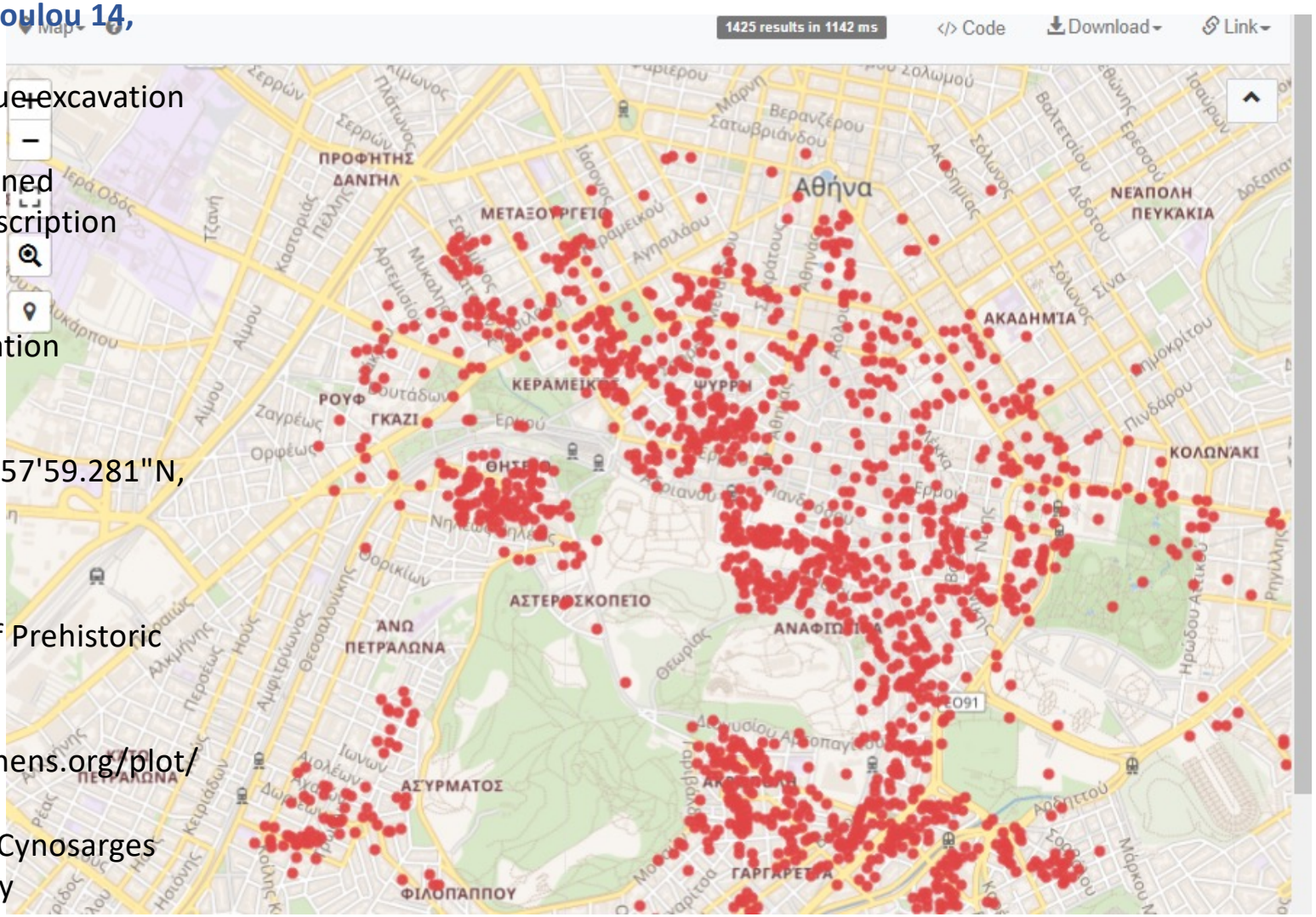

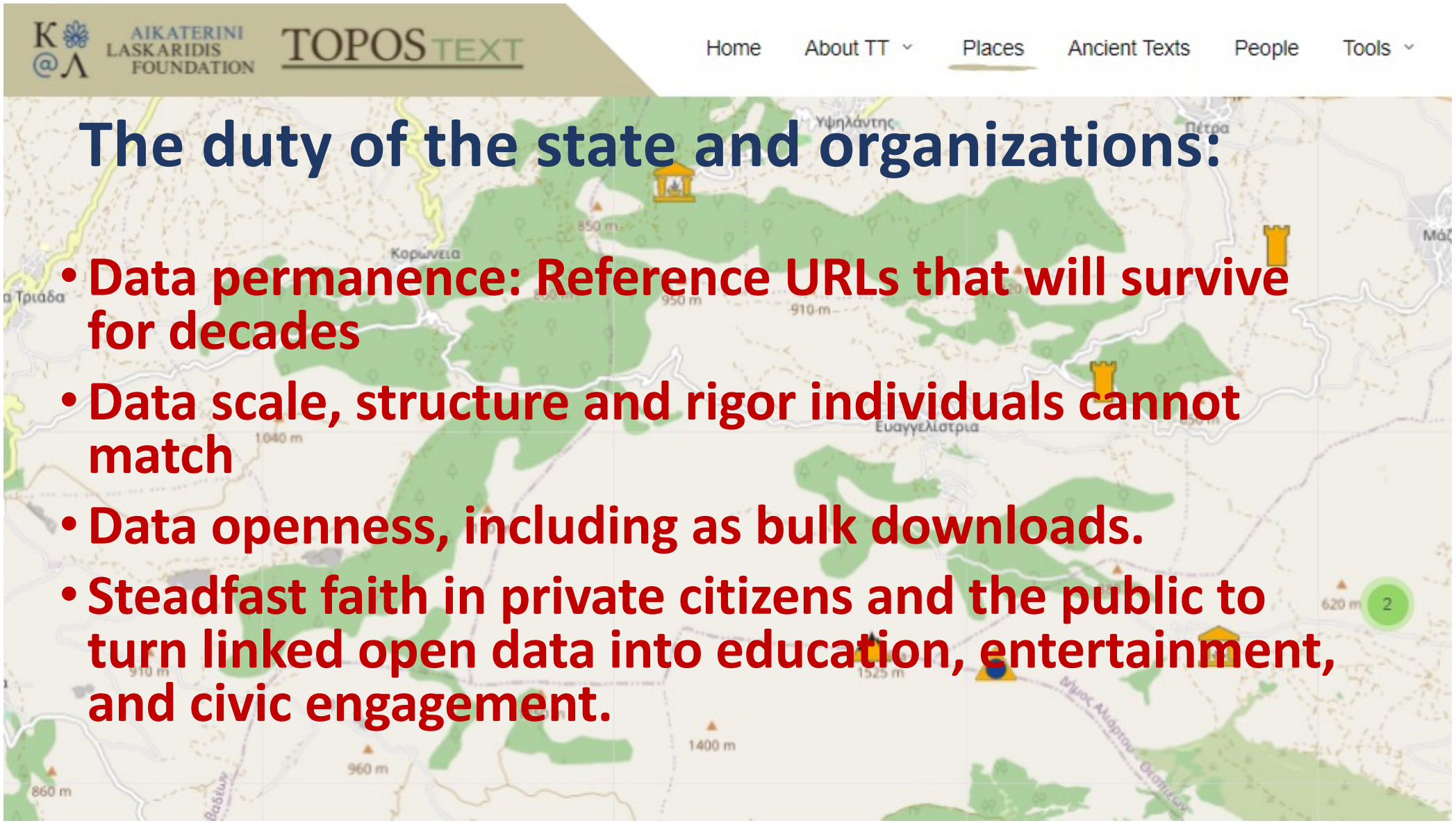

The duty of the state and organizations:

- Data permanence: Reference URLs that will survive for decades
- Data scale, structure and rigor individuals cannot match
- Data openness, including as bulk downloads.
- Steadfast faith in private citizens and the public to turn linked open data into education, entertainment, and civic engagement.

A minor new chore for classicists:

- A Wikipedia/Wikidata item for every excavation, ancient text/inscription, and key reference, in Greek/Latin, English, plus your own language.
- A Wikidata item for every inventoried object/building complex/inscription that links usefully to other WD items. Notability is in the connections, not the beauty or market value.
- Involve the local community in inventorying its own monuments.
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IvfkOzqrk3uZmDf-tPiFXtmBEjY3rgFCr1eLVLVP3iE/edit?usp=sharing for sample queries/properties.
- Thank you!!