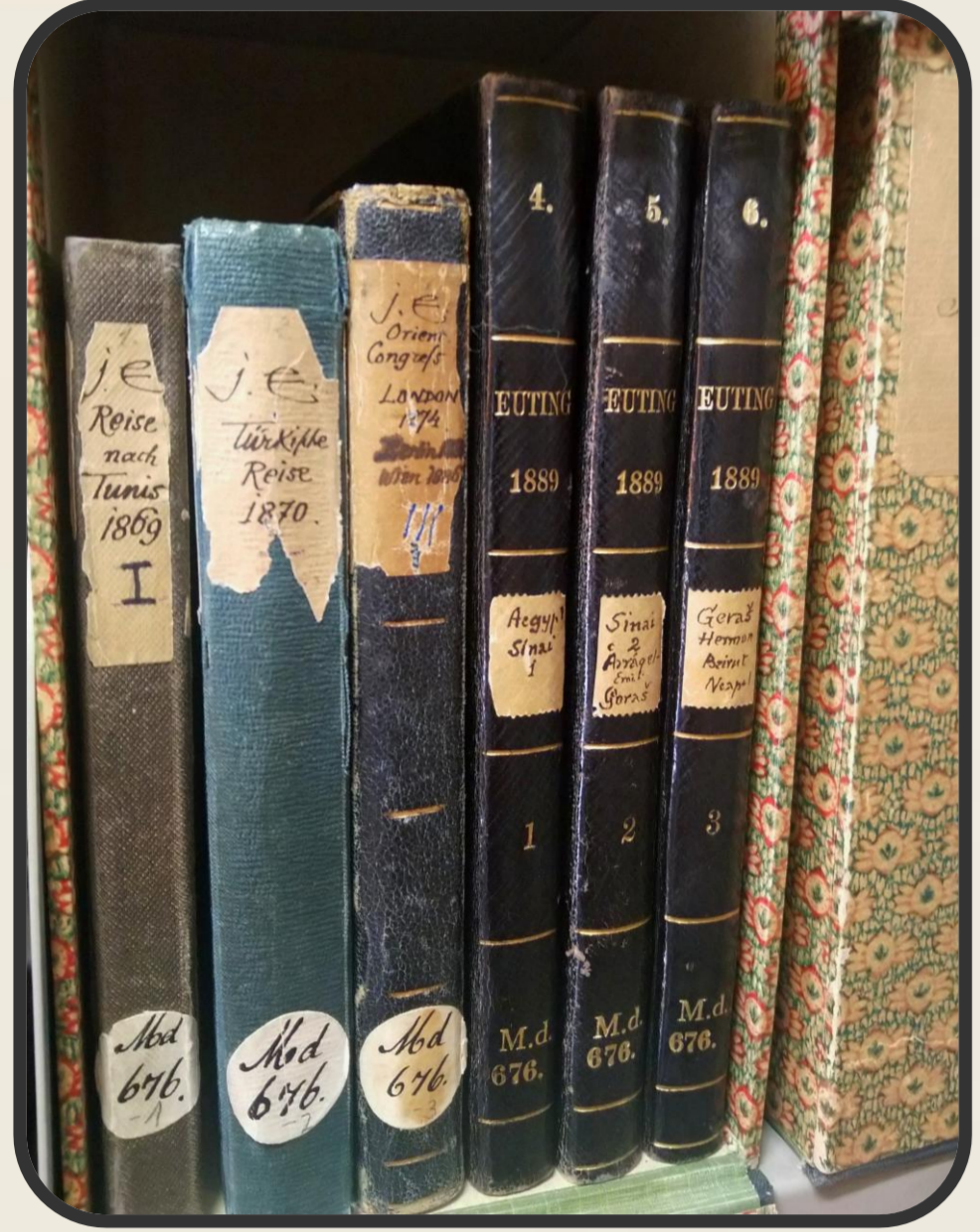




Travelling through Data

Julius Euting's Oriental Diaries in the Digital Age

The Travels and the Diaries



The diaries at the library

Julius Euting studied Protestant theology and Oriental languages at the University of Tübingen and later worked as a librarian at the University Library (1868–1871).

Between 1869 and 1905, he undertook eight journeys to the Orient and North Africa and documented them in his travel diaries.

Today, the library preserves an important part of his estate within its historical collection, including travel diaries — some richly illustrated— as well as sketchbooks.



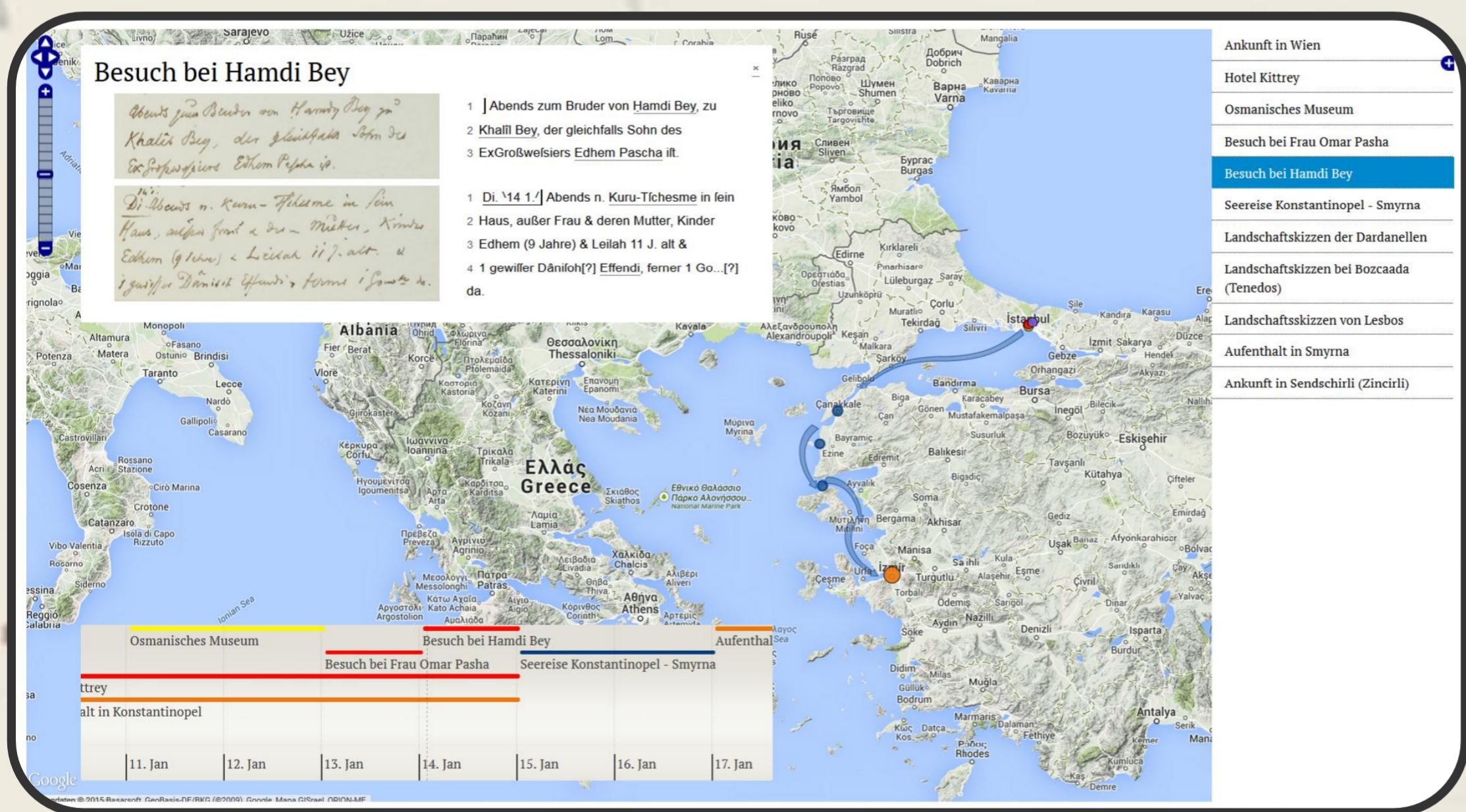
Euting in Bedouin dress



Drawing in the diaries

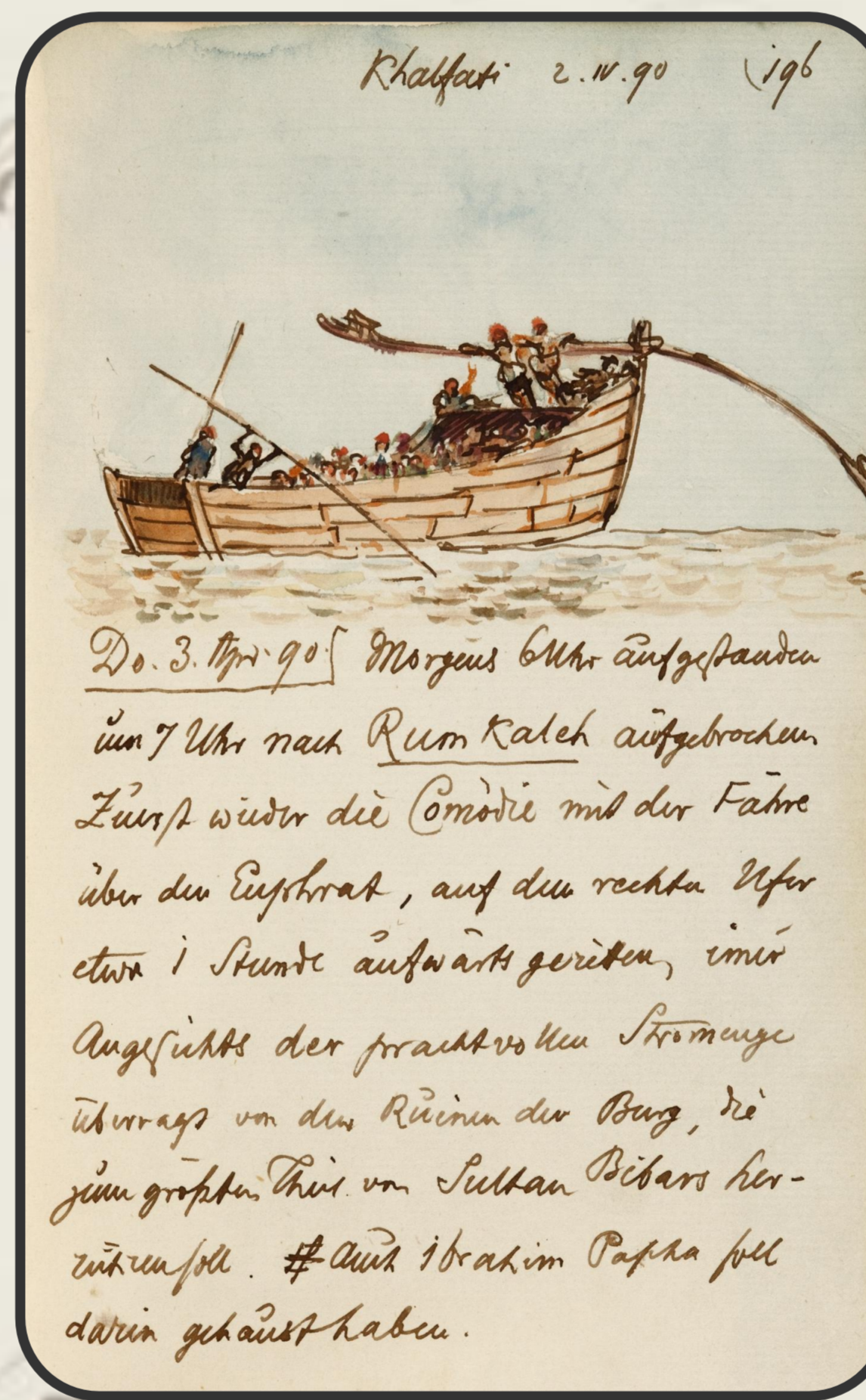
The First Web Edition

The first edition of Euting's journey to Syria (1890) was created in 2014 using the open-source publishing platform Omeka with the Neatline plugin for the map and timeline. However, long-term maintenance proved unsustainable. This website is no longer available.



Screenshot of the old website

Digitisation of the Diaries



Journey to North Syria, Md 676-9, p. 196r

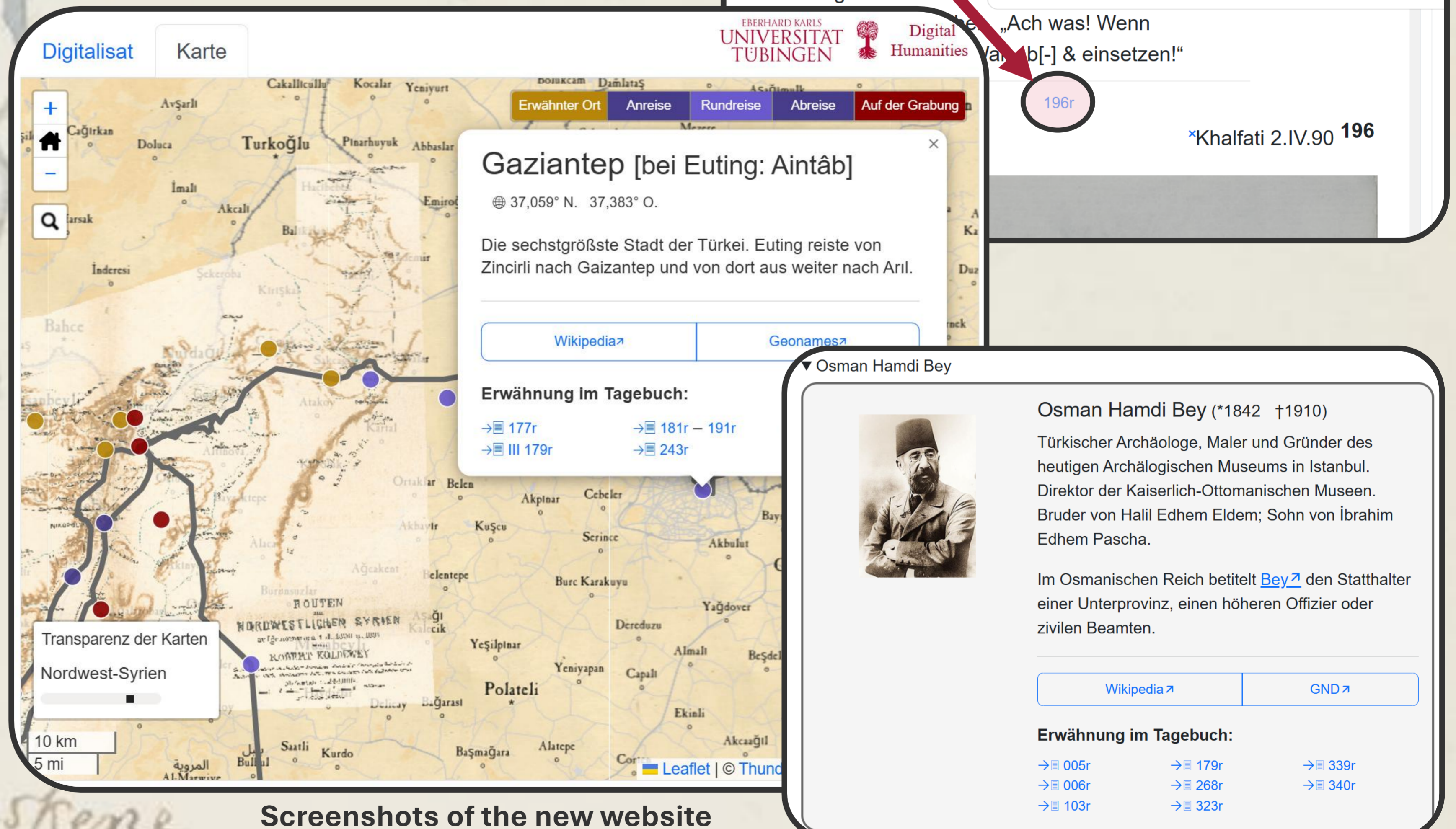
The 26 diaries and 10 sketchbooks at the University Library were digitised between 2011 and 2013. The digitisation of some 6,000 pages was carried out as part of the project 'From the vault to the world: digitisation of valuable holdings in libraries in Baden-Württemberg'.

The Graz book table was mainly used here to process the volumes as gently as possible.

The New Web Edition



In 2025, a streamlined client-side website of Euting's journey to Syria (1890) was developed using Bootstrap and Leaflet, with no external dependencies except links to the University Library of Tübingen image portal and reference pages. The website is designed to serve users for many years to come.



Screenshots of the new website