





Annotating places, linking ancient texts

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Approaching Herodotus's Places | cartographic vs. discursive space



I laugh to see how many have before now drawn maps of the world, not one of them reasonably; for they draw the world as round as if fashioned by compasses, encircled by the Ocean river, and Asia and Europe of a like extent. For myself, I will in a few words indicate the extent of the two, and how each should be drawn.

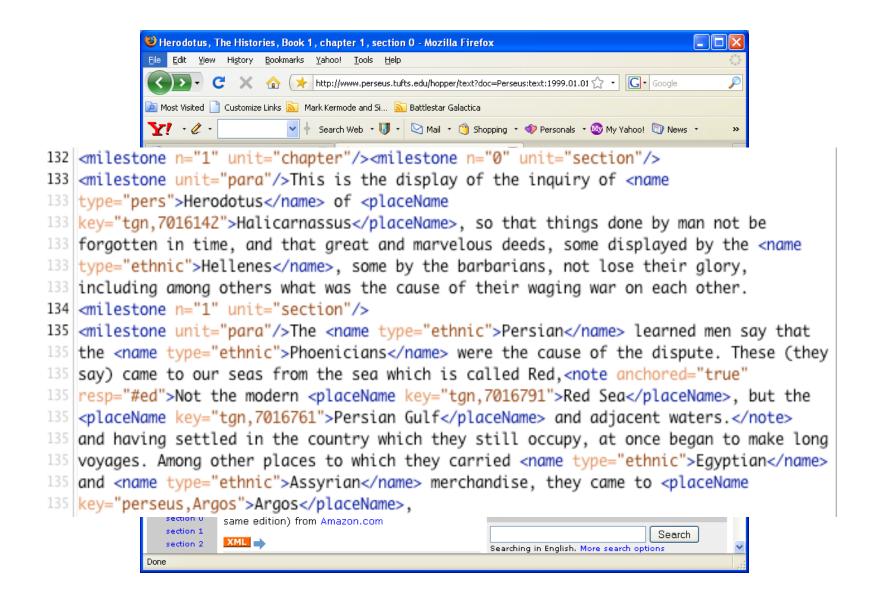
Herodotus, *Histories* 4.36.2

I will **proceed** with my account, **approaching** small and great cities alike. For those that were once great have now become small, while those that were great in my time were before small. Knowing that human happiness never resides **in the same place**, I will mention both alike.

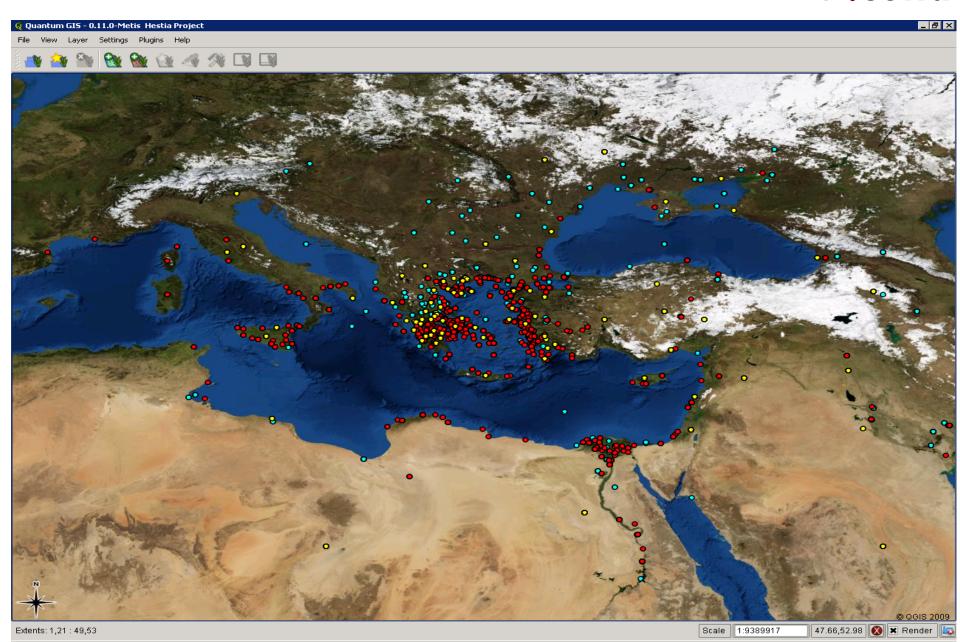
Herodotus, *Histories* 1.5.3

The Digital Text | Annotated toponyms, capturing place data









Approaching Place I | literary form, narrative networks



Plot's spatial legacy is pervasive in ancient Greek thought, where songs might be conceived as pathways, logoi as routes, writing as the movement of oxen turning back and forth across a field with a plough..., narratives as pictures or landscapes, and plots even as living creatures that take up set areas of space.

Purves (2010)

What do literary maps allow us to see? Two things, basically. First, they highlight the **ortegebunden**, **place-bound nature of literary forms**: each of them with its peculiar geometry, its boundaries, its spatial taboos and favorite routes. And then, **maps bring to light the internal logic of narrative**: the semiotic domain around which a plot coalesces and self-organizes.

Moretti (1998)

Network Analysis of Book 5 | proxies, movement, transformation



Those Persians whom Darius had left in Europe under the command of Megabazus, finding the Perinthians unwilling to be Darius's subjects, subdued them before any others of the people of the Hellespont. These Perinthians had already been roughly handled by the Paeonians. [2] For the oracle of the god ordered the Paeonians from the Strymon to march against **Perinthus**....

Herodotus, Histories 5.1

These men's borders, it is said, reach almost as far as the Eneti on the Adriatic Sea. They call themselves colonists from Media. How this has come about I myself cannot understand, but **all is possible in the long passage of time**. However that may be, we know that the Ligyes who dwell inland of Massalia use the word "sigynnae" for hucksters, and the Cyprians use it for spears.

Herodotus, Histories 5.9.3

Unit: clause analysis (SVO) of *Histories* 5

Definition: place and proxy

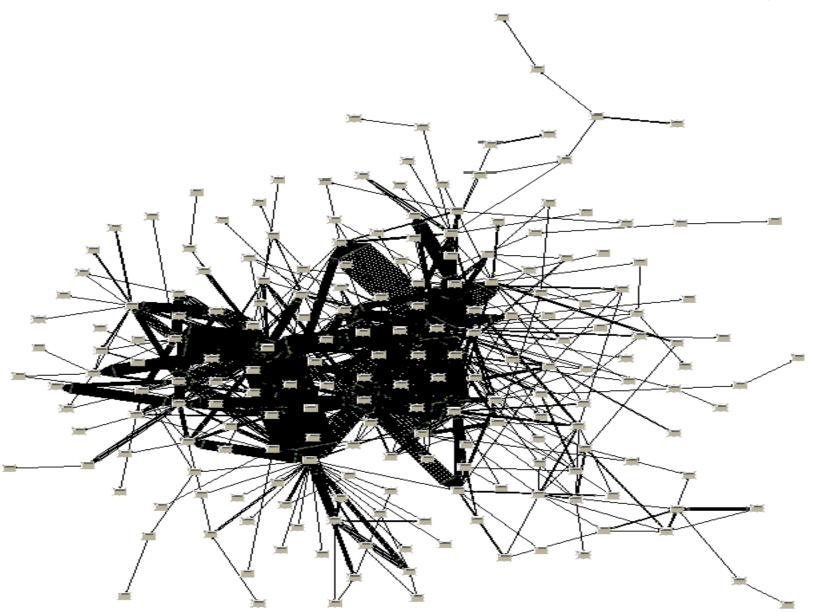
Quality (grounded theory): movement and/or transformation

- 1. Positioning: inclusion, proximity, comparison, origin
- 2. Movement (in, through, away from)
- 3. In place Intervention: governance, alliance, awareness, commemoration
- 4. Intervention with movement: invasion, exchange, communication, settlement

Variables: focalisation, tense/mood

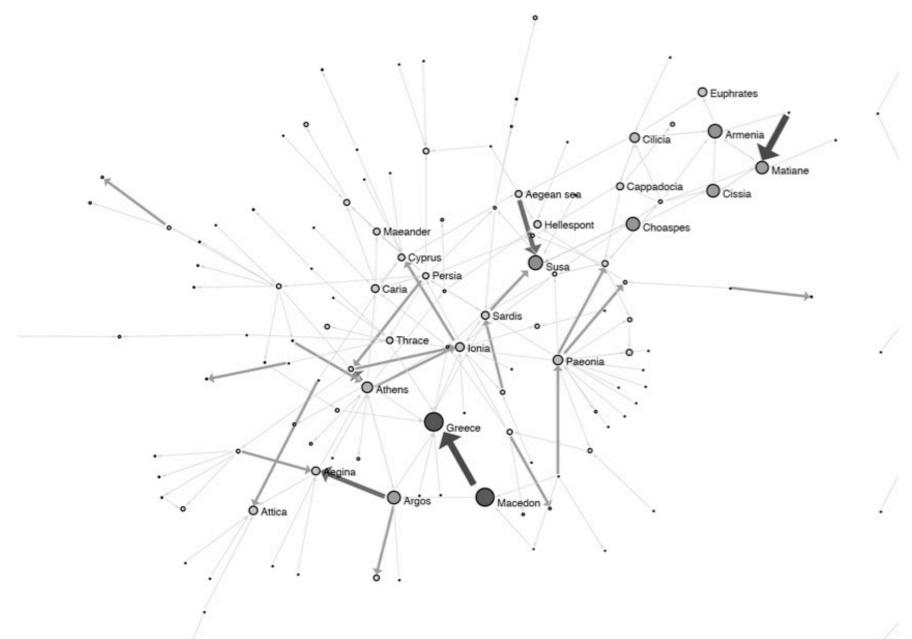
Graph Network of *Histories* 5 | the spaghetti monster





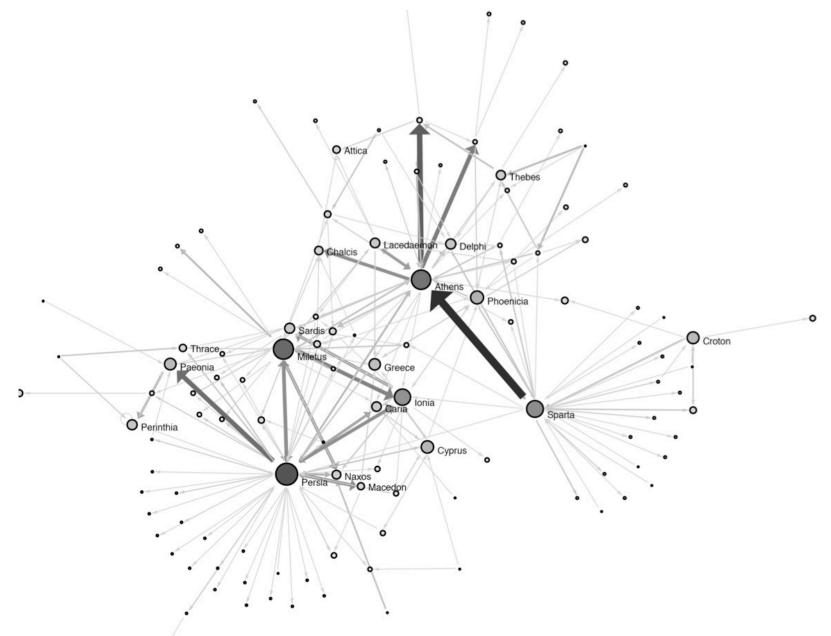
Category 1: Positioning | inclusion, proximity, comparison, origin





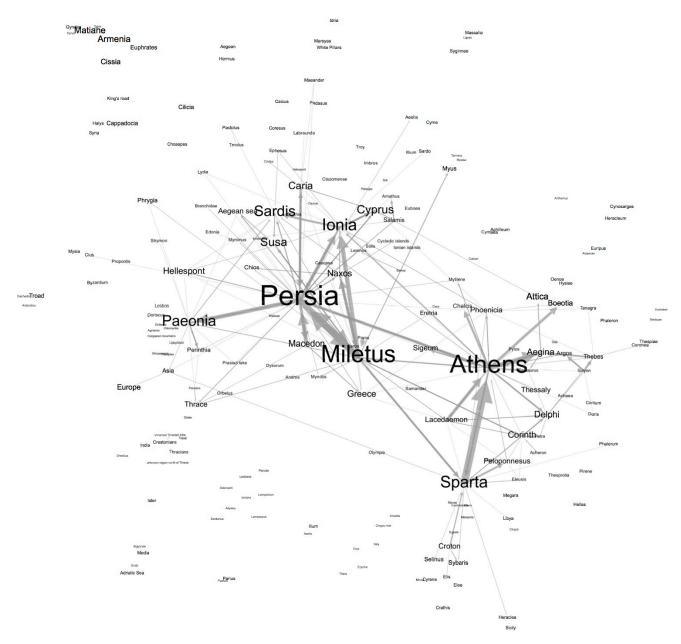
Category 4: Transformation | invasion, exchange, settlement





Reimagining Herodotean Space (Book 5) | constellations of trajectories





Approaching Place II | Place relations or the throwntogetherness of space

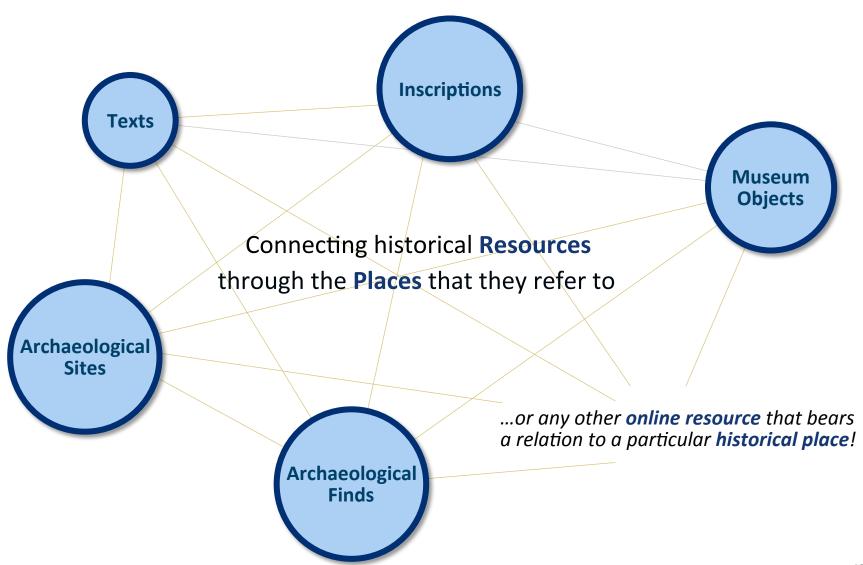
Places gather... Minimally, places gather things in their midst – where 'things' connote various animate and inanimate entities. Places also gather experiences and histories, even languages and thoughts. The process of gathering (things, emotions, people, memories, etc.) suggests that there is a relationship between the inside of a place (which gathers) and an outside (from where things are gathered). It underlines the relational nature of place – the necessity of place being related to its outside.

Casey (1996)

One way of seeing 'places' is as on the surface of maps... But to escape from an imagination of space as a surface is to abandon also that view of place. If space is rather a simultaneity of stories-so-far, then places are collections of those stories, articulations within the wider power-geometries of space. Their character will be a product of these intersections within that wider setting, and of what is made of them. And, too, of the non-meetings-up, the disconnections and the relations not established, the exclusions. All this contributes to the specificity of place.

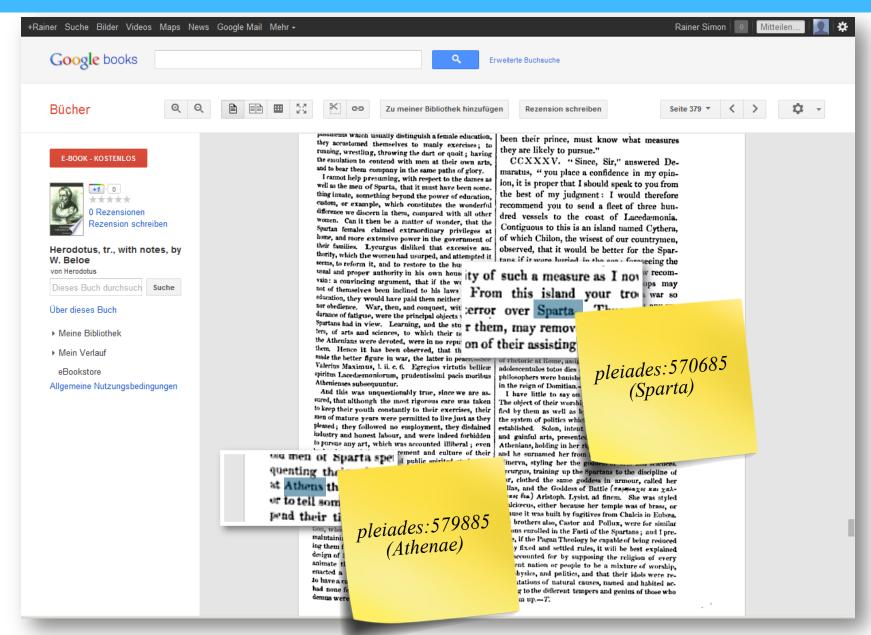
Massey (2005)



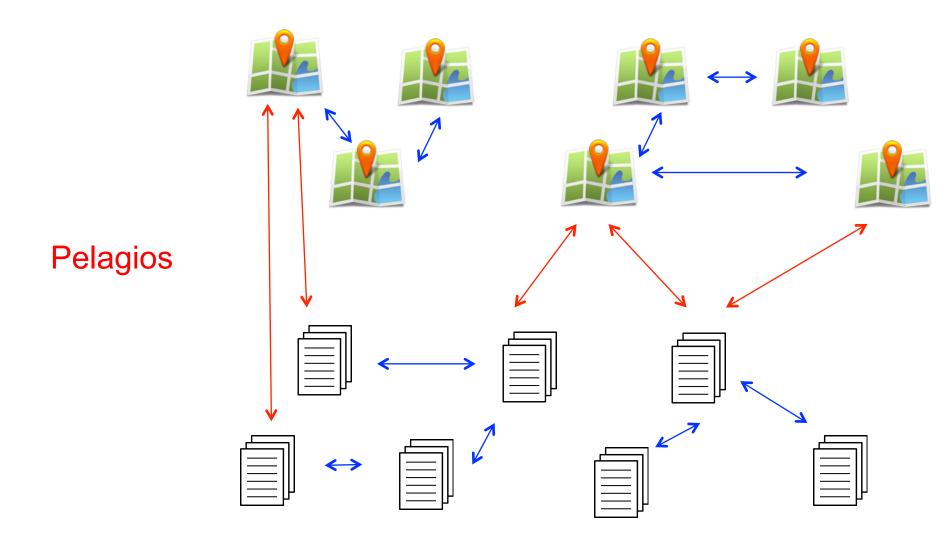


The connecting principle | Annotate with authority definitions (URIs)



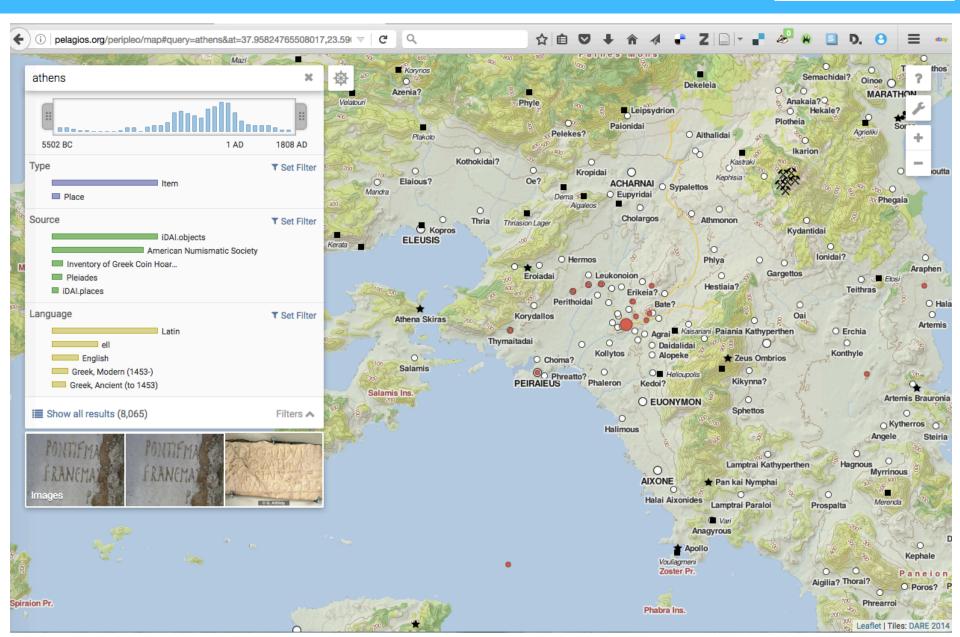






A Web of Linked Data | the Peripleo search engine



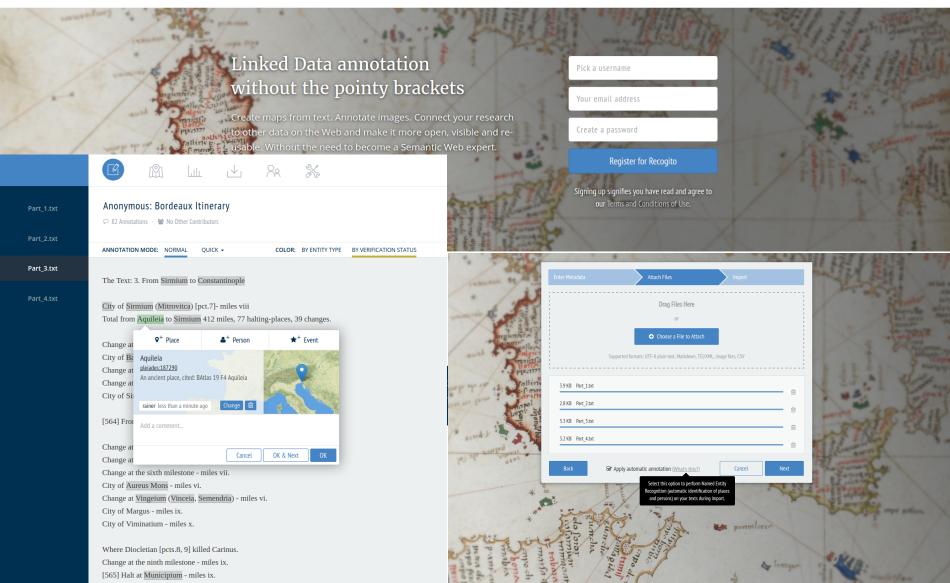


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Approaching Place III | the practice of annotation



Pausanias DESCRIPTION OF GREECE, tr. W. H. S. JONES

On the Greek mainland facing the Cyclades Islands and the Aegean Sea the Sunium promontory stands out from the Attic land. When you have rounded the promontory you see a harbor and a temple to Athena of Sunium on the peak of the promontory. Farther on is Laurium, where once the Athenians had silver mines, and a small uninhabited island called the Island of Patroclus. For a fortification was built on it and a palisade constructed by Patroclus, who was admiral in command of the Egyptian men-of-war sent by Ptolemy, son of Ptolemy, son of Lagus, to help the Athenians, when Antigonus, son of Demetrius, was ravaging their country, which he had invaded with an army, and at the same time was blockading them by sea with a fleet.

Q⁺ Place Person The Peiraeus was a parish from early times, though it was not a port before Peiraieus/Piraeus Phalerum, for at this place the sea comes nearest to Athens, and from her pleiades:580062 him Theseus, when he went to give satisfaction to Minos for the death of The ancient, fortified port settlement (and deme) o... Piraeus, Piraeea, Piraeeus, Πειραιεύς, Peiraieus,... that the Peiraeus was more conveniently situated for mariners, and had the 750 BC - 2100 Even up to my time there were docks there, and near the largest harbor is ed elton 3 months ago of their treatment of Themistocles, and that his relations took up his bone cles Add a comment... certainly returned and set up in the Parthenon a painting, on which is a pe The most noteworthy sight in the Peiraeus is a precinct of Athena and Ze physical harbour λιμήν Add tag... Athena a spear. Here is a portrait of Leosthenes and of his sons, painted l OK & Next Cancel united Greeks defeated the Macedonians in Boeotia and again outside Th. up there. The portrait is in the long portico, where stands a market-place for those living near the sea – those farther away from the harbor have another - but behind the portico near the sea stand a Zeus and a Demos, the work of Leochares. And by the sea Conon built a sanctuary of

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