



← This is a monument

It's very controversial because of various reasons



↑ The Stubenbastei is located here in Vienna

We've been doing some research on it



Who are we?



Highly motivated students!
We are interested in politics and now we are dealing with Holocaust denial

→ That's our school



The Karl Lueger monument

- **Location:** 1st district – Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Platz, Vienna
- **Design:** Josef Müllner (sculptor and professor at the Academy of Vienna)
- He started sculpturing the statue in 1913 and was interrupted by WWI
- The memorial was uncovered on the 19th of September 1926
- **Requested:** by the conservative party of Austria / 2 Weeks after Lueger's Death
- **Costs/donations:** 27 000 Kronen were collected in one year





Dr. Karl Lueger

- *24th of October 1844 / + 10th of March 1910
- **Occupation:** Lawyer, Politician, Mayor
- **Career:** studied law sciences → opened his own chancellery in 1874 → united anti-semites and democrats in 1886 to gain more loyal voters
- Mayor of Vienna: 1897-1910



Monument or Memorial?

Monument (Denkmal)

- No clear definition
- the aesthetic of the memorial defines its character and purpose; oftentimes praising
- No reason for existence given





Memorial (Mahnmal)

- Sub-category => critically reflects on historical events and individuals
- Can be artistically constructed
- From the form one can conclude what it reminds of



Why is the **Lueger monument** not a memorial?

- Standing on a resting place, tall, looking down
- No specification of what he has done / who he is

Projects to reconstruct the Monument

There have been plans and ambitions to reconstruct the monument to make it a memorial but nothing was changed yet

Ideas:

- Museum of Applied Arts
- “Schandwache”
- Ute Bock





Iconoclasm and other movements

- **Iconoclasm** is the importance of the destruction of certain sacred monuments, buildings or images, usually for political or religious reasons
- **Example:** When monuments of racist figures were destroyed during the Black Lives Matter protests
- **Another solution:** reconstructing the monument or adding an explanation and hence making it a memorial