History Department at Mainz University secures EUR 2.8 million in EU funding to promote young researchers

Innovative practical elements are at the core of a new doctoral training program on Roman inscriptions / Network of eight European partners selected in EU evaluation process

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) has been awarded EUR 2.82 million for a European Innovative Training Network (ITN) with seven European partner institutions. Over the course of the next four years, 11 doctoral researchers will receive excellent training, including many innovative non-academic components. Marietta Horster, Professor of Ancient History at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, will coordinate the network.

In the cutting-edge project CARMEN, short for "Communal Art – Reconceptualising Metrical Epigraphy Network", historians, philologists, and archaeologists will examine the role of poetry in everyday culture in Roman times. The focus will be on Latin verse inscriptions called "Carmina epigraphica". These eloquent texts are inscribed on gravestones and other monuments. They document social relations, language development, and aesthetics in ancient Rome and its provinces. The CARMEN network is composed of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, the General Directorate for Cultural Heritage Rhineland-Palatinate (GDKE), the universities of Trier, Dijon/Bourgogne, Seville, Vienna, La Sapienza in Rome, and the University of the Basque Country. More than ten additional academic and non-academic partners throughout Europe and North Africa will play an active role in training the doctoral students.

"Mainz University has again been successful in an EU selection process and, together with its European partners, will be receiving funding for an innovative training network for doctoral candidates. As Minister for Science and Culture, I am particularly delighted that the General Directorate for Cultural Heritage in Rhineland-Palatinate and Trier University will also be participating in this research project. My warmest congratulations to everyone involved," said Professor Konrad Wolf, Minister of Science, Further Education, and Culture of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

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Monument with epigram from the tomb of the 12-year old Erasina in Carinthia (2nd century A.D.)
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