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History, Archaeology, Social Sciences





The École française de Rome is a public institution of a scientific, cultural and professional nature, which is overseen by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Founded in 1875, it shares the Palazzo Farnese with the French Embassy in Italy. On the occasion of its centenary in 1975, Georges Vallet opened a second site on the Piazza Navona, which was intended to accommodate researchers.

The Centre Jean Bérard in Naples specialises in archaeology and studies on southern Italy and Greater Greece and has been under its supervision and that of the CNRS since 1999.

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The school is also a member of the International Union of Institutes of Archaeology, History and History of Art based in Rome.

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Library at the École française de Rome
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With more than 210,000 volumes, the library at the École française de Rome is the biggest French research library outside of France. Housed in the Palazzo Farnese, the library offers researchers 170 reading places, 180,000 freely accessible volumes, and nearly 2,200 research journal titles.

The main specialities are the Archaeology of the Central Mediterranean, the History of Roman Civilization, the History of Italy and the History of the Church. The title CollEx (Collections of Excellence 2018-2022) has been awarded to the collections on Roman antiquity and the history of Italy. As of 1989, the collections have been enriched in the area of the history of law courtesy of the inventory of the Edoardo Volterra library which is home to 10,000 works (including an antiquarian collection).

The Farnese catalogue lists online the documents kept at the EFR, as well as those of the libraries at the Centre Jean Bérard and the Académie de France in Rome – Villa Médici.

Finally, the archives project manages and preserves the school's scientific and administrative documentation. It made its first contribution from the historical archives to the National Archives in 2018.

The École française de Rome engages in dynamic editorial activity. It publishes the work of its members, the results of its research programmes and scientific activities carried out in the fields of history, archaeology and social sciences, from ancient to contemporary times.

Created in 1881, the review *Mélanges de l'École française de Rome* is subdivided into three series: Antiquité (MEFRA), Moyen Âge (MEFRM), Italie et Méditerranée modernes et contemporaines (MEFRIM).

Works resulting from research programmes and excavation sites or from the work of members, fellows and other collaborators, are mainly published in the libraries of the French Schools in Athens and Rome, which were created in 1876, and the Collection de l'École française de Rome, which came into being in 1964.

Other works are also published: monographs of great monuments (Palazzo Farnese, Villa Medici), catalogues of exhibitions for which the institution ensures the scientific presentation, a current critical bibliography of works on the ancient Maghreb (*Bibliographie analytique de l'Afrique antique*). A large number of the school's publications can be consulted online on Persée and OpenEdition. The preliminary results of the archaeological operations with which the School is associated are published in the *Bulletin archéologique des Écoles françaises à l'étranger* (and in the *Chronique des activités archéologiques de l'EFR* from 2012 to 2020 - OpenEdition).

Publications



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The school welcomes doctoral students (grants and doctoral contracts in partnership with French universities), young researchers (members), as well as leading scientific figures (resident researchers, researchers made available by the CNRS, teacher-researchers in delegations and partner researchers for scientific programmes).

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