The Chair of French, Francophone and Italian Linguistics of the Institute of Romance Studies in the Faculty of Philology of the University of Leipzig, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Burr, is conducting the project „Die Junggrammatiker in Leipzig“, which investigates the impact of the Neogrammarian theories on Romance linguistics. The Neogrammarians were the core group of one the many schools that developed in Leipzig and gave impulses for new theories through transgressing of existing boundaries. Not only did the Neogrammarians turn Leipzig into the centre of linguistic research at the end of the 19th century but also did they bring about a fundamental change in linguistics.