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# Forum Antike

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**Deciphering the Secrets of Novae**

**Epigraphic Finds as Catalysts for Two Recent Research Projects (2013–2023)**

Novae, the base of the First Italic legion, has been under archaeological investigation since 1960, but the first records of monuments, particularly epigraphic finds, date back to the early 19th century. This lecture will outline the research problems and preliminary results of two ongoing research projects that focus on the heart of the legionary fortress. The first one is an attempt to recreate the core elements of the statuary and epigraphic decoration of the legionary headquarters building (*principia*). Among the over 300 epigraphic monuments unearthed in Novae, certain pieces, such as statue bases, altars, and building inscriptions were originally displayed in the *principia*, as their content indicate. The second project seeks to ascertain the location of the residence of the legionary legate (*praetorium*) in the context of the intriguing discovery of two nearly identical statue bases set up for the *I Italica* commander from the times of the Gordian emperors (238–244). The presented projects are carried out by researchers of the Faculty of Archaeology, University of Warsaw.