

Census of Antique Works of Art and Architecture Known in the Renaissance

Census is an interdisciplinary research database containing documentation centring on the reception of antiquity, a focus of Renaissance studies. The antique monuments known in the Renaissance are registered together with the related Renaissance documents in the form of texts and images.

Since lately, this database is available on the web browser [census.de](http://www.census.de)

The number of the registered monuments totals approximately 6.600 and the number of monument entries about 13.000, the document entries around 33.000. The total of 230.000 entries also incorporate locations, persons, terms designating styles and epochs, events, and secondary literature. Enquiries can be made using either defined functions or freely via the navigation system.

For example, inventories of collections, documents from archives and artists' vitae are amongst the source materials. The information on pictorial sources embraces especially illustrations from sketch-books as well as single sheets and prints.

The project was founded in 1946. The results, initially confined to figural sculptures, were catalogued at first using an index card system at the Warburg Institute in London and at the Institute of Fine Arts in New York.

In collaboration with the Bibliotheca Hertziana (Max-Planck-Institute for Art History) in Rome, *Census* extended its activities and included architecture in its field of research in 1981. It also resolved to establish a computer database supported by the Getty Art History Information Program.

Since 1995 the *Census* project is based in the Kunsthistorisches Seminar of the Humboldt University of Berlin. In 1997 the *Census* database was published on CD-Rom; after the year 2000 it has been available on the internet with access control database.

Census was taken up in the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities as a long-term project in 2003. Due to the intensive financial and technical support provided by the Akademie, *Census'* open-access database will be available on the internet from June 2007 onwards.

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