

Matthias M. Tischler Ludwig Traubes Idee von der Biographie lateinischer Schriften.
Anmerkungen zur neuen Geschichte der Halbunziale

Abstract: Ludwig Traube's concept of a biography of Latin scripts. Notes on a new history of the semi-uncial

The following short contribution undertakes to appraise a phenomenon that has become rare in the study of the history of writing, the biography of a Latin script, as the founder of modern Latin Palaeography, the Munich professor of Medieval Latin Ludwig Traube, had in mind over one hundred years ago. The study dealt with here on the so-called semi-uncial, the oldest book minuscule of late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages, is considered in the wider context of the research history of the twentieth century; its main results are presented and questioned as regards the methodology applied. In this context, critical observations are made and some suggestions are offered for an appropriate new approach to the phenomenon of „writing“ and its genesis.

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