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Michael Matheus taught at the Universities of Trier, Essen and Mainz. From 1994 to 2018, he was appointed as a Professor and Head of the Department of Medieval and Modern History and Comparative Regional History at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz.

From 2002 to 2012, he was the Director of the German Historical Institute in Rome and until 2020, he was a Chairman and the Director of the Institute for Historical Regional Studies (IGL) at the University of Mainz. From 2013 to 2021, he was also chairing the German Study Center of Venice. Since 2021, he is Honorary Chairman of the Institute for Historical Regional Studies of the Rhineland-Palatinate (IGL).

In general, his interests in research are laying into comparative studies of European history concentrating on the case of Germany and Italy in the High and Late Middle Ages – thus, researching on the history of rural and urban settlements, wine history, educational and university history, transport and trade history as well as the history of Christians and Muslims in southern Italy, the papacy, the Curia and Rome in the Renaissance.

He also studies the history of national cultures of research and their networking in international scientific relations.

Over the last ten years, he has dedicated himself to the study of the history of the garden and the ruined city of Ninfa as part of an interdisciplinary research project - Ninfa: The Pompeii of the Middle Ages. In 2022, a book collecting the 10-year research finds was published in Italian.

Further info on the research project is advertised upon the following link: https://vergleichendelandesgeschichte.geschichte.uni-mainz.de/ninfa-the-pompeii-of-the-middle-ages/.