EVERYDAY WRITING IN GRAECO-ROMAN AND LATE ANTIQUE EGYPT (I - VIII AD).
A SOCIO-SEMIOTIC STUDY OF COMMUNICATIVE VARIATION – EVWRIT (ERC PROJECT, 2018-2023)

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UNVEILING THE 'SEMIOTIC POTENTIAL' OF ANCIENT TEXTS.
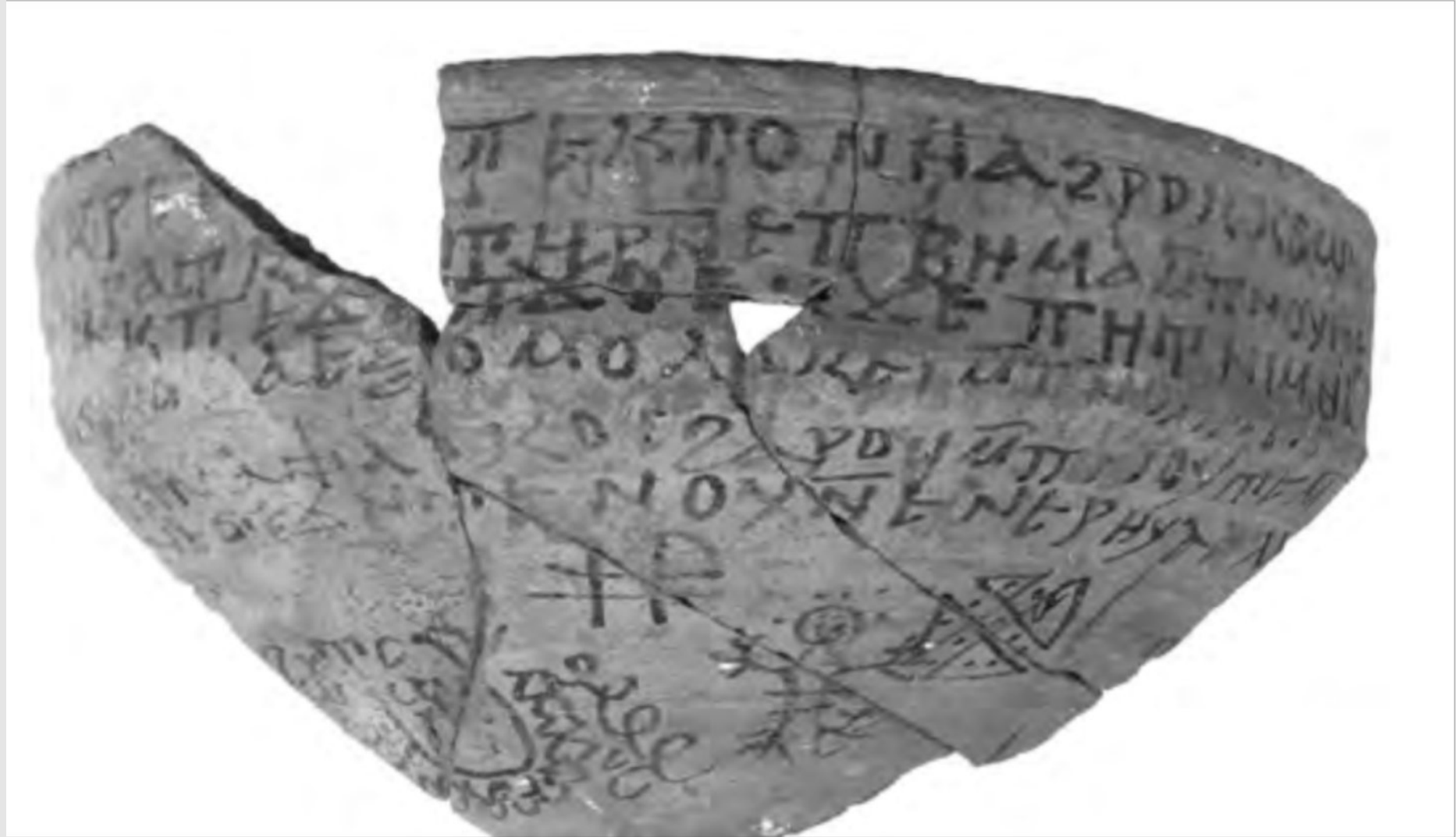# A NEW DIGITAL TOOL FOR DOCUMENTARY PAPYRI

In October 2017, the European Research Council awarded a Starting Grant to Prof. Klaas Bentein for his project EVWRIT.

The project will offer for the first time:

1. a holistic perspective towards the 'meaning' of documentary texts;
2. an important contribution to current socio-semiotic and socio-linguistic research;
3. a digital tool to open up new ways to investigate Ancient texts.

A data-source for socio-semiotics analysis:

- **Morpho-syntax** (Klaas Bentein)
- **Orthography** (Geert De Mol)
- **Lexicology** (Emmanuel Roumanis)
- **Multilingualism** (Antonia Apostolakou)
- **Typography** (Yasmine Amory)
- **Material aspects** (Serena Causo)

The database aims to gather together Greek, Coptic, Latin and Arabic texts that are scattered throughout different digital tools (the *Trismegistos* database, the *Duke Databank of Documentary Papyri*, the *Heidelberger Gesamtverzeichnis der griechischen Papyrusurkunden Ägyptens*, the *Arabic Papyrology Database*, and the *Brussels Coptic Database*). For most of the documents, it will offer a translation and some explanatory notes - elements that are usually absent from electronic databases. It will allow researchers to annotate texts with **multiple layers of information**, as well as to disclose the **social meaning of** Graeco-Roman and Late Antique **papyri**.

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A new tool for a material approach to documentary texts developed by the UGhent IT-ers!

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