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€100,000 research prize for Tübingen anthropologist

Professor Katerina Harvati conducts top international research into the origins of humankind

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This year's state of Baden-Württemberg Prize for Basic Research goes to Professor Katerina Harvati of the Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Paleoenvironment at the University of Tübingen. The €100,000 award is Germany's richest state research prize.

University President Professor Bernd Engler welcomed the news, saying "Professor Harvati carries out outstanding basic research at the top international level. We are delighted that this has been recognized with a highly respected award such as the Baden-Württemberg research prize."

Professor Harvati heads the Paleoanthropology working group at the Institute of Prehistory and Medieval Archaology and the Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Paleoenvironment. She is a leading authority on human evolution, using the latest analytic methods – such as virtual anthropology. Her research focuses on the paleobiology of Neanderthals and the origins of modern humans. She conducted research at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig before coming to Tübingen in 2009.

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