Press Release

University of Mannheim Mourns Death of a Student

President Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden: "Our thoughts are with her family."

The University of Mannheim is deeply shocked by the violent death of a 20-year-old psychology major. The student was found dead on Friday night close to the tram station "Rheinstraße" and C 8. The public prosecutor's office in Mannheim stated that, according to the latest investigations, she was a victim of sexual offense and was murdered. The President's Office of the University is in constant dialog with the police department and the mayor's office.

The exchange student from Lithuania had been studying psychology at the University of Mannheim since September. She was a very dedicated student and had a bright future. On behalf of the entire University of Mannheim, President Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden offers his deepest sympathies to all family and friends of the victim: "We are deeply shocked. Our thoughts are with the family, her friends and her fellow students. We wish you strength at this difficult time."

The University and the city of Mannheim are planning a wake for Thursday, October 10, at 17:15 at the Aula of the University. Dr. Peter Kurz, mayor of the city of Mannheim, will be attending. After the wake, there will be a candlelight march to the site of the crime. Everybody is invited to join. We will be meeting at 18:00 in the Ehrenhof of the Mannheim Palace.