SESSION: Introduction to the Architectural History of Rome

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TIME: Thursday, 11th April/ 9:30 – 11:00 (1.5 hours) & 11:30 – 13:00 (1.5 hours); Afternoon site visit to the Roman Forum

SESSION OUTLINE

ABSTRACT
Provides an overview of the development of Roman architecture from antiquity to modern times, with a focus on the Roman Forum and the growth of the Rome’s urban form. A site visit to the Roman Forum in the afternoon examines specific stone buildings and sites and highlights their relevance to the history of conservation.

OBJECTIVES
To give the participants an introduction to the history of Rome, its architecture and conservation.

CONTENT OUTLINE
• Development of the urban form of Rome and architectural styles and monuments associated with each period, including:
  o The founding of the city in 753BCE and early beginnings as a village
  o Republican period (6thC. - 1st C. BCE)
  o Imperial period and the Aurelian expansion of the city walls
  o Medieval decline and consolidation
  o Renaissance development and the Rome of Sixtus V
  o Excavation and interpretation of the city from the 19th C. to today
• Explanation of the impact of ancient buildings and sites on the current city plan
• Rome’s current context as a world heritage site and the implications of its status with regards to preservation and development
• Lecture on the conservation of specific buildings and monuments of the Roman Forum, and their importance to the history of conservation, including:
  o Arch of Constantine
  o Basilica of Maxentius and Constantine
  o Temple of Vesta
  o Temple of Antoninus and Faustin
• Walking tour of the forum pointing out specific examples of early conservation approaches

READINGS

= Essential reading material
= Available online


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