



## International Course on Stone Conservation SC13

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**SESSION:** Introduction to the Architectural History of Rome

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

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### 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:
  - The founding of the city in 753BCE and early beginnings as a village
  - Republican period (6<sup>th</sup>C. - 1<sup>st</sup> C. BCE)
  - Imperial period and the Aurelian expansion of the city walls
  - Medieval decline and consolidation
  - Renaissance development and the Rome of Sixtus V
  - Excavation and interpretation of the city from the 19<sup>th</sup> 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:
  - Arch of Constantine
  - Basilica of Maxentius and Constantine
  - Temple of Vesta
  - Temple of Antoninus and Faustin
- Walking tour of the forum pointing out specific examples of early conservation approaches

#### READINGS

 = Essential reading material

 = Available online

 Jokilehto, Jukka. 1999. *A History of Architectural Conservation*. Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford.

Coarelli, Filippo. 1974. *Guida archeologica di Roma*. Arnaldo Mondadori editore, Rome.



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