



Eloquence of Marble in Antiquity – EMA I

3 October 2025

Prague, Czech Republic

Venue

Small Conference Room ("Malá Aula"), KAROLINUM, 1st floor
Ovocný trh 560/5, 110 00 Prague 1

Organisers

Charles University (Mgr. Helena Tůmová, Ph.D., Institute of Classical Archaeology)
University of Bologna (Prof. Enrico Cirelli, Dipartimento di Storia Culture Civiltà)

PROGRAM

Friday 3 October 2025

8:30 – 9:00

registration

8:55 – 9:00

opening and welcome to the EMA colloquium (Helena TŮMOVÁ)

9:00 – 9:35

keynote inaugural lecture **Notes on elements of architectural culture in the Eastern European provinces of the Roman Empire, with particular reference to inland sites from middle imperial to protobyzantine period** (Patrizio PENSABENE)
discussion

9:40 – 10:05

Marble in private house peristyles between East and West in the Roman Empire (Paolo BARRESI)
discussion

10:10 – 10:35

Provenance analysis of ancient white marble today - critical review and case study of the use of marble in ancient metropolises (Walter PROCHASKA)
discussion

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 11:25	<i>Ad silicem extendit manum suam.</i> Unknown fragments of marble furnishings at the National Museum of Ravenna (Paola NOVARA) <i>discussion</i>
11:30 – 11:55	<i>Viae Marmorum:</i> late ancient exchange of Ravenna in the evidence of marble and pottery (Helena TŮMOVÁ – Enrico CIRELLI) <i>discussion</i>
12:00 – 12:25	A State-of-the-Art Multi-Analytical Approach to White Marble Provenance Analysis (Aneta KUCHAROVÁ) <i>discussion</i>
12:30 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 – 14:10	More is more: strategies for the selection and distribution of polychrome marbles in the decorative programs of Late Antique monuments (Andrea PARIBENI) <i>discussion</i>
14:15 – 14:40	Science-Based Restoration through White Marble Provenance Studies in Building Conservation (Vasiliki ANEVLAVI – Walter PROCHASKA) <i>discussion</i>
14:45 – 15:10	Marble furniture from the church of S. Agnes in Istria (Gaetano BENČIĆ) <i>discussion</i>
15:15 – 15:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:40 – 16:05	Marble decoration from the Late Roman proconsul's palace in <i>Savaria</i> (Anita POLGÁR-NYERGES – Judit ZÖLDFÖLDI) <i>discussion</i>
16:10 – 16:35	Recognition and origin of the stones used for Venetian wellheads in the early Middle Ages (Martina SECCI) <i>discussion</i>
16:40 – 17:05	A relief decorated block with a Macedonian panoply in Venice: petrological analysis <i>versus</i> iconography and style (Eugenio POLITO) <i>discussion and conclusion of the EMA I colloquium</i>
17:05– 17:15	