

The Power of Marble (Rome, 13–14 Jun 24)

The Danish Academy in Rome, Jun 13–14, 2024

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The Power of Marble. Materiality and Narratives in Italian Architecture from Revivalism to Rationalism.

International conference organized by Charlotte Bundgaard (The Danish Academy in Rome) and Ariane Varela Braga (UNED, Madrid). Funding: The Carlsberg Foundation.

PROGRAMME

13 June, 2024

9:00-9:30: Welcome and introduction

Charlotte Bundgaard and Ariane Varela Braga

Session 1: Between tradition and renewal

Chair: Francesca Mattei (Università di Roma Tre)

9:30-10:00

The Power of fake marble. Tradition and revival of “marmorino” in Venice

Guido Zucconi (Università di Padova)

10:00-10:30

The Roman tradition of marble work: designers, craftsmen and collectors

Simonetta Ciranna (Università dell'Aquila)

10:30-11:00

The Monument to Victor Emmanuel II: the strong sign of the Botticino in the heart of Rome

Paolo Coen (Università di Teramo)

Coffee break

Session 2: A material for modernity

Chair: Donatella Fiorani (La Sapienza)

11:30-12:00

Two tales on marble in Italian building culture

Charlotte Bundgaard (The Danish Academy in Rome)

12:00-12:30

Marble. An ancient material for modern architecture

Rosalia Vittorini (Roma 2 – Tor Vergata)

12:30-13:00

Marble as non-monumental modernity and italianicity in postwar Danish design

Toke Riis Ebbesen (University of Southern Denmark)

Lunch break

Session 3: The politics of marble

Chair: Marla Stone (Occidental College, Los Angeles)

14:30-15:00

Promotion and use of marble and stone as autarchic material

Katrin Albrecht (Ostschweizer Fachhochschule, Saint Gall)

15:00-15:30

Staging Marble. The mostra autarchica del minerario italiano, 1938

Ariane Varela Braga (UNED, Madrid)

Coffee break

16:00–16:30

Ideology in marble: obelisks in the 'Roma Mussolinea'

Maria Grazia D'Amelio, Lorenzo Grieco (Roma 2 – Tor Vergata)

16:30-17:30

Final discussion

14 June, 2024

9:30 – 16:30

On-site visits – for speakers and chairs only.

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