SESSION OUTLINE

ABSTRACT
The lecture focuses on the type and quality of building stones used in Rome from the Roman time to the present days. The local geology (mainly volcanic), the Tiber River and the abundant natural construction materials have all contributed to the birth and growth and success of the Roman architecture. A short introduction to the Sabatini and Colli Albani volcanic fields is given to help the identification of local volcanic stones used in Roman building and to better understand their weathering. Some examples will be presented together with an overview of marbles used for internal and external decoration.

OBJECTIVES
• To understand the nature of the building stones used by Romans and their weathering.
• To recognize volcanic stones from the Sabatini and Colli Albani volcanic fields used for building.
• To be able to identify some common marbles used for decoration

CONTENT OUTLINE
• Type and quality of building stones used in Rome
• Description and identification of local volcanic building stones
• Weathering of natural building stones
• Examples of building stones and marbles used for internal and external decoration

READINGS
 = Essential reading material
 = Available online


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