

Footprints of identities in the urban space

Between archaeology and valorisation

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Underground4Value has been introduced during the conference “Religious groups and urban space: symbols, interactions, transformations” held in Rome on March 2 and 3. The event has been promoted by the European University of Rome and the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology just before the Italian general lockdown, with the scientific coordination of Renata Salvarani and Lucrezia Spera. It was focused on the relationships between cities and identity groups, analysed in a historical perspective. Signs and symbols impressed in the urban texture have been considered as elements of cultural and political processes of semantization of the space. At the beginning of the session on the valorisation of historical places, Giuseppe Pace, the coordinator, described the Cost Action 18110 as a model for an interdisciplinary approach to the underground built heritage and as an example of scientific and operative strategy including cultural heritage in the urban management for contemporary global societies. The congress programme included a visit to the Christian sites in the area of the Roman Forum and to the underground spaces of the Palatine hill.



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Some scientific issues introduced during the Naples training school, synthesis of lectures and discussions originated by workgroups are published in this issue, but we are looking forward next events as well. Deliveries scheduled in the programme are described in these next pages; some information about next events are provided. Seminars and scientific dis-

cussions are scheduled in the coming months: a blended modality will be adopted in this transitional period. The centrality of research is the most important lesson we have learned in this critical situation: now our priorities are ensuring the continuity of the activities as well as meeting scheduled deadlines, counting on the collaboration of everyone. As soon as possible, the pleasure to meet in person again and to discuss together will be greater.