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**Roman epigraphy through Renaissance eyes:
antiquarians, manuscripts and ways of transmission**

Renaissance antiquarianism that flourished from the 15th century onwards took Roman archaeology as a gateway to the knowledge of Classical Antiquity. Thus, Roman inscriptions were assessed and collected due to their value as the “living word” of the past. Epigraphy was used to witness historical facts and to better understand Roman institutions, society and language. Most antiquarians compiled their investigations in published editions, but there is also a conspicuous number of handwritten manuscripts preserved mostly in European libraries. In the session, we will explore the reception and transmission of Roman epigraphy in manuscript tradition by analysing some epigraphical compilations.