

L'Aquila: A Successful Story of Restoration of Monuments in an Emergency Situation

Almost a year after the earthquake that struck the Abruzzo Region and devastated buildings and churches in the historical centre of L'Aquila, Luciano Marchetti, Commissioner for Monuments Restoration, will talk about *Earthquake and Reconstruction - The Way of Preserving L'Aquila's Monuments and Beauties*.

Giorgio Croci, Professor in Construction at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza', will describe specifically the case of the only gothic church surviving in L'Aquila, witness of the art and the faith of the 13th century. His talk on *Damage and Urgent Intervention in the Basilica of Collemaggio* will focus on this splendid medieval masterpiece.

Lisa Ackerman, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at the World Monuments Fund, funding the restoration of the Abbey of St. Clemente in Casauria, will talk more broadly of the *World Monuments Fund & Disaster Recovery in Italy: Venice, Assisi and Abruzzo*.

Regional delicacies and wines will follow.

Please book at rsvp.icilondon@esteri.it – 020 7396 4430



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