

14 October 2017

Gran Salon
National Museum of Archaeology, Valletta

PROGRAMME:

08.30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

09.00 **Introduction: Why Fragments?**

Prof JoAnn Cassar

Chair, Research Programmes Sub-Committee, Heritage Malta

09.10 **Opening Address**

Dr Joseph M Buttigieg

Chairman, Heritage Malta Board of Directors

09.20 **Unravelling Art Fragments**

David Bugeja & Anthony Spagnol

09.40 **Fragments in Archaeology - the artefact, the context, the site**

David Cardona & Sharon Sultana

10.00 **The Auberge d'Italie - a site of layered historic fragments**

Veronica Bonello & Sandro Debono

10.20 **Questions to the Speakers**

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.30 **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Godwin Vella, *Head Curatorial Affairs, Heritage Malta*

Philosophical fragments and their relevance in the context of a discussion of historical fragments in general

Prof Joe Friggieri

The true value of the fragment: understanding the importance and significance of the whole

Dr Shirley Cefai

How has Maltese identity been determined by the cult of fragments that took root during the Enlightenment?

Arch. Konrad Buhagiar

Is enough importance being given to the study and preservation of fragments and more importantly to detail?

Dr Joan Abela

12.00 **Open discussion of panellists with audience**

12.30 **Closing Remarks**

Kenneth Gambin

CEO, Heritage Malta