

Further Research on the Roman Republican Cult-Place under Sant'Omobono

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The temples of Fortuna and Mater Matuta in Rome's Forum Boarium underwent numerous modifications during the Roman republic, from the initial construction of the twin temples on a large square podium in the years ca. 500 B.C.E. to the reconstruction of the sanctuary following a fire in 213 B.C.E., before a site-wide restructuring perhaps in the Late Republic or Early Imperial period. The Sant'Omobono Project, a collaboration between the Sovrintendenza Capitolina, the Università della Calabria, and the University of Michigan, aims at a full reconsideration of the archival, monumental and artifactual evidence from the site. Based on my work with the project since 2011, and especially on work undertaken during the summer of 2016, I present new conclusions and new questions about the architectural development of the site during the republic, including results of further chemical analysis of tuff types used in the construction of the sanctuary structures and advances in understanding the republican architectural terracottas.