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**The mystery of Mithras. Exploring the heart of a roman cult**  
**Mitra: approcci ad un culto romano**

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*Archaeological, social and political context of the  
Mysteries of Mithras in the Roman Regio VII Etruria*

**29.03.2023, h. 18:30**

**Archäologisches Museum Frankfurt (Karmelitergasse, 1)**

*Evento in lingua inglese – Lecture in English*

*Ingresso libero/Free admission*



The presentation will deal with the archaeological evidence of the mysteries of Mithras in the Roman Regio VII Etruria, that already emerged as a privileged area to explore the nature of the cult at the time of the 1937's publication of the article "Mithra en Etrurie" by Franz Cumont, founding father of the Mithraic Studies.

Different artefacts and archaeological contexts will be presented and employed to examine several aspects of the cult within the borders of the region, focusing on the mysteries' role of framing the established social and political hierarchy. Among such contexts, coated of particularly relevance will appear the mithraeum of Vulci, whose furnishings are currently part of the exhibition "Mithras. Annäherungen an einen römischen Kult".

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