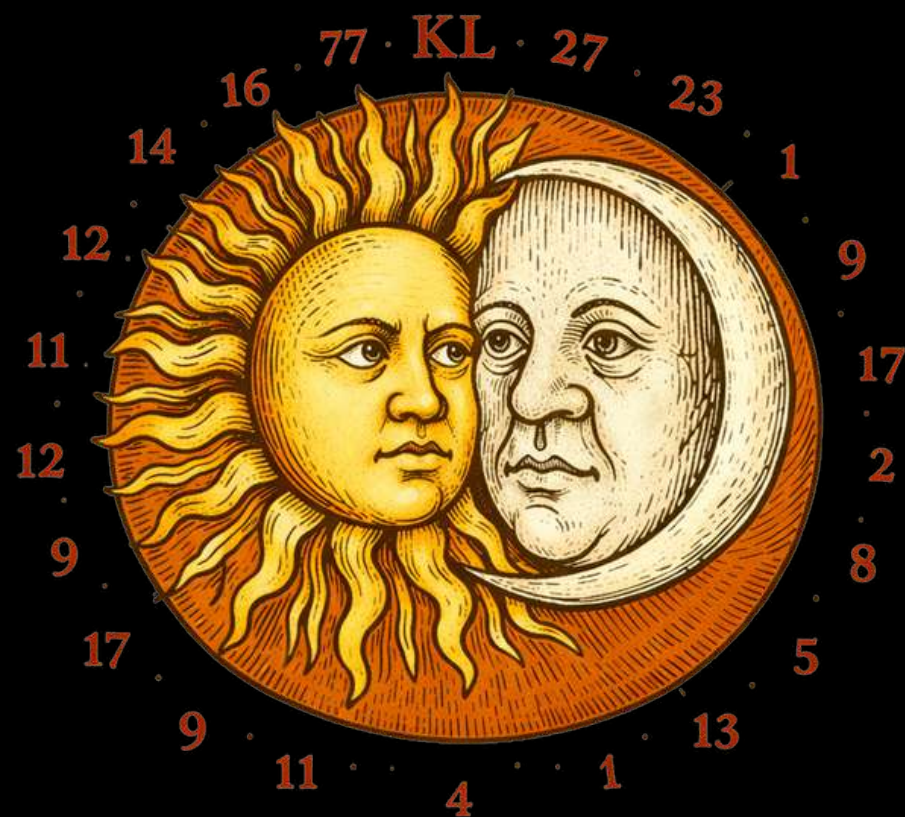


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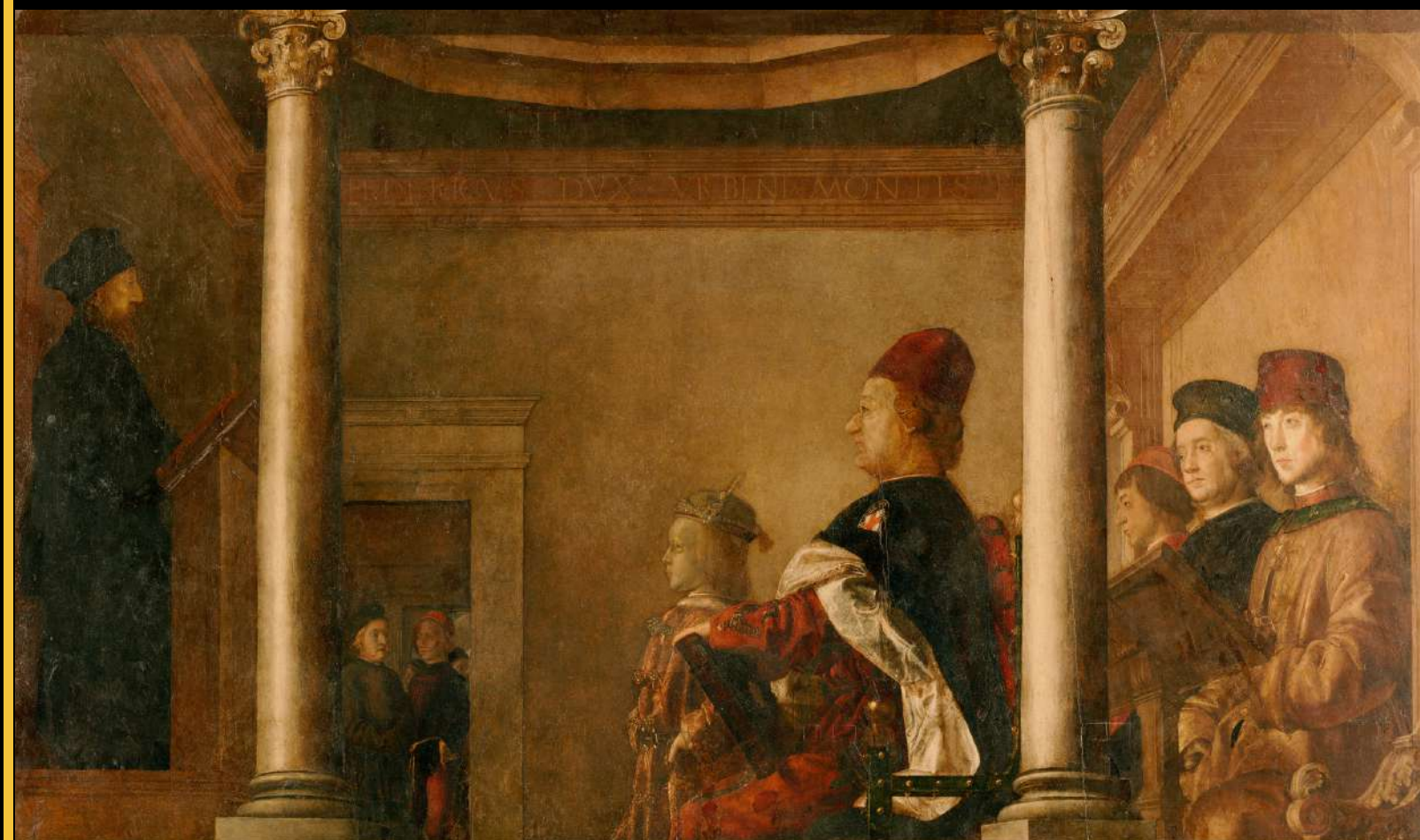
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May 7th, 2026

Welcome address and greetings

- 9.00- Giorgio Calcagnini, Magnific Rector, University of Urbino
- Giovanni Piersanti, Vice Rector for Research, University of Urbino
- Andrea Vicerè, Head of Department of Pure and Applied Sciences, University of Urbino
- Laerte Sorini, Director of International Center Urbino e la Prospettiva

Session: Calendars, Prognostications, Astronomy

Chair Flavia Marcacci (University of Urbino)

- 9.15 - Paul of Middelburg, Chronologer
Philipp Nothaft (University of Oxford)
- 10.00- A Prognosticum by Paul of Middelburg
Stephan Heilen (University of Osnabrück)
- 10.45- Discussion
- 11.00- Coffee break

Session: Paul, a man of many faces

Chair Veronica Gavagna (University of Florence)

- 11.30- The life of Paul of Middelburg, written by Bernardino Baldi
Elio Nenci (University of Milan)
- 12.15- Paul of Middelburg’s De numero atomorum totius universi
Anneke Pohle (University of Osnabrück, M.D.)
- 12.30- Paul of Middelburg in Guidobaldo del Monte
Giovanni Gaia (University of Urbino, Ph.D.)
- 12.45 | Lunch

Session: Mathematics, Astronomy, Scientific Instruments

Chair Gian Italo Bischì (University of Urbino)

- 15.00- Paul of Middelburg, an algebraist at the court of Federico da Montefeltro
Vico Montebelli (University of Urbino)
- 15.45- Algebra in Paul of Middelburg and his context.
Veronica Gavagna (University of Florence)
- 16.15- After the Paulina: Paul of Middelburg’s Proposals for Calendar Reform and his Views on Astronomy.
Flavia Marcacci (University of Urbino)
- 16.45- Paul of Middelburg and the instruments of an astrologer.
Giancarlo Truffa (SISFA)

Public event: Opening Cerimony

Church of San Girolamo at the San Girolamo Library

Tempo misurato e previsioni celesti Scienza, calendari e strumenti al tempo di Paolo di Middelburg

Mostra documentaria del Fondo Antico dell’Università di Urbino

- 18.00 - Saluti introduttivi
Giorgio Calcagnini, Rettore Magnifico Università di Urbino
- Vieri Fusi, Prorettore per la Valorizzazione e Sviluppo del Patrimonio
- Fabio Musso, Prorettore per la Terza Missione e Public Engagement
- Anna Santucci, Delegata Rettorale Valorizzazione Patrimonio Museale di Ateneo

Interventi di: Marcella Peruzzi e Flavia Marcacci (Università di Urbino)

20.00 | Social dinner

May 8th, 2026

Welcome and Twinning session

Chair Flavia Marcacci (University of Urbino)

- 9.15- Greetings and Opening remarks
Francesco Amadori
(Head of the Culture and Tourism Office, Municipality of Fossombrone)
- 9.30- Paul of Middelburg: connection between the Gregorian calendar and the Low Countries
Henk de Kunder (Heritage Policy Officer, Municipality of Middelburg)

Session: Paul of Middelburg and the Court of Urbino

Chair Elio Nenci (University of Milano)

- 10.00- Paul of Middelburg and his Collection of Antiquities
Oscar Mei (University of Urbino)
- 10.30- Mechanics at the court of the Montefeltro: three questions by Paul of Middelburg
Davide Pietrini (University of Urbino)
- 11.00- Coffee break
- 11.30- Paul of Middelburg, Marsilio Ficino, Leonardo da Vinci
Sara Taglialagamba (COST Program, University of Urbino)

Conclusive remarks

Chair Stephan Heilen, Flavia Marcacci

- 12.00- Discussion
- 12.30- Farewell address
- 13.00- Lunch
- 15.00- Visit to Dukal Palace and Raphael’s House