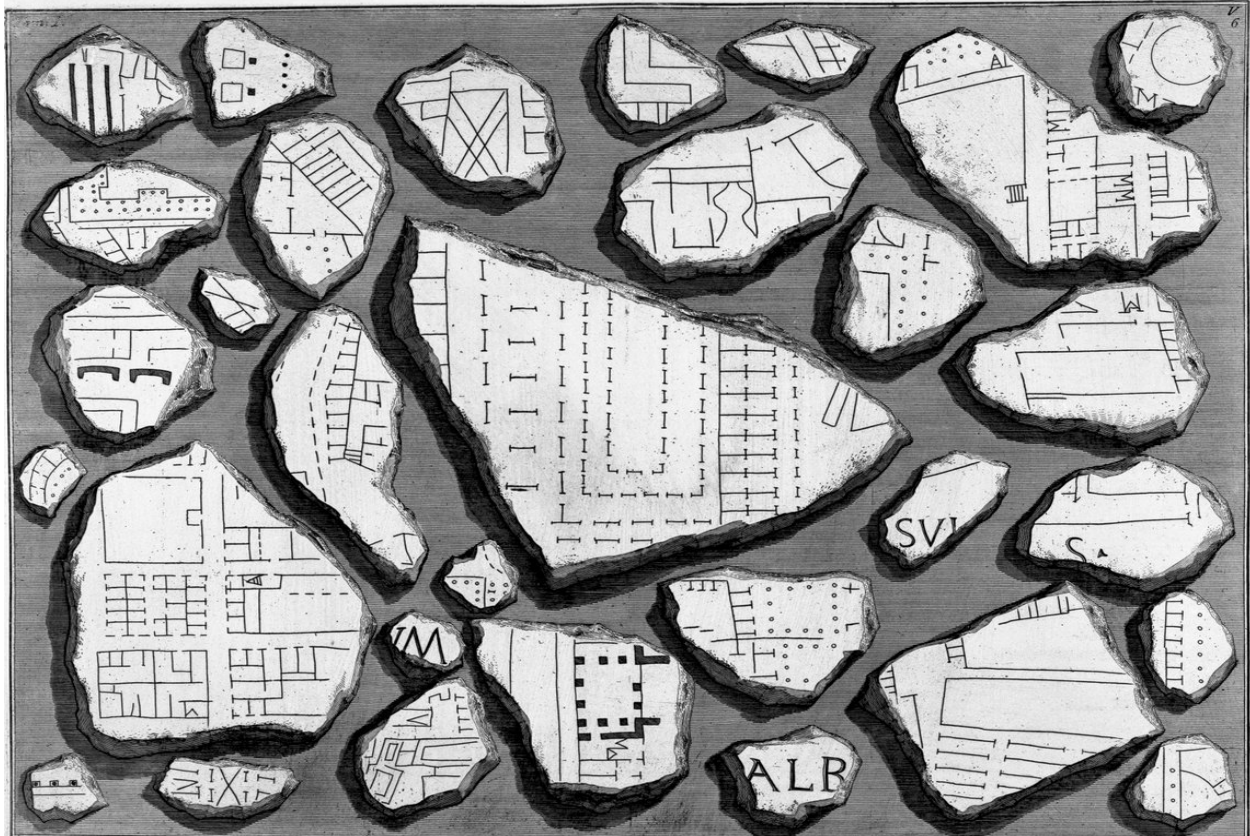


## ARCH 413: HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM [3G]

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Giovanni Battista Piranesi, *Fragments of the Marble Plan of Ancient Rome*, 1756.

## ARCHITECTURE HISTORY [Now and Then]

*"When the past speaks, it always speaks as an oracle:*

*Only if you are an architect of the future and know the present will you understand it."*

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Use and Abuse of History for Life*

This course presents a history of architecture through stylistic periodization, emphasizing the change and continuity within building practices from ancient origins to recent manifestations, developing a vocabulary of concepts that range from the constitutive to the transitory (form, construction, culture, and economics, but also tympanum, pilasters, and other *opus incertum*). In addition to presenting architecture's history, the course develops a historiographic perspective on the study of architecture, periodization, and history itself. The study of architectural styles, as well as styles of history, is intended to enable future interpretation (analysis of historical material) and conjecture (creation of new work). The class is required for first-year students in the three-year Master of Architecture degree program, but is open to enrollment by others.