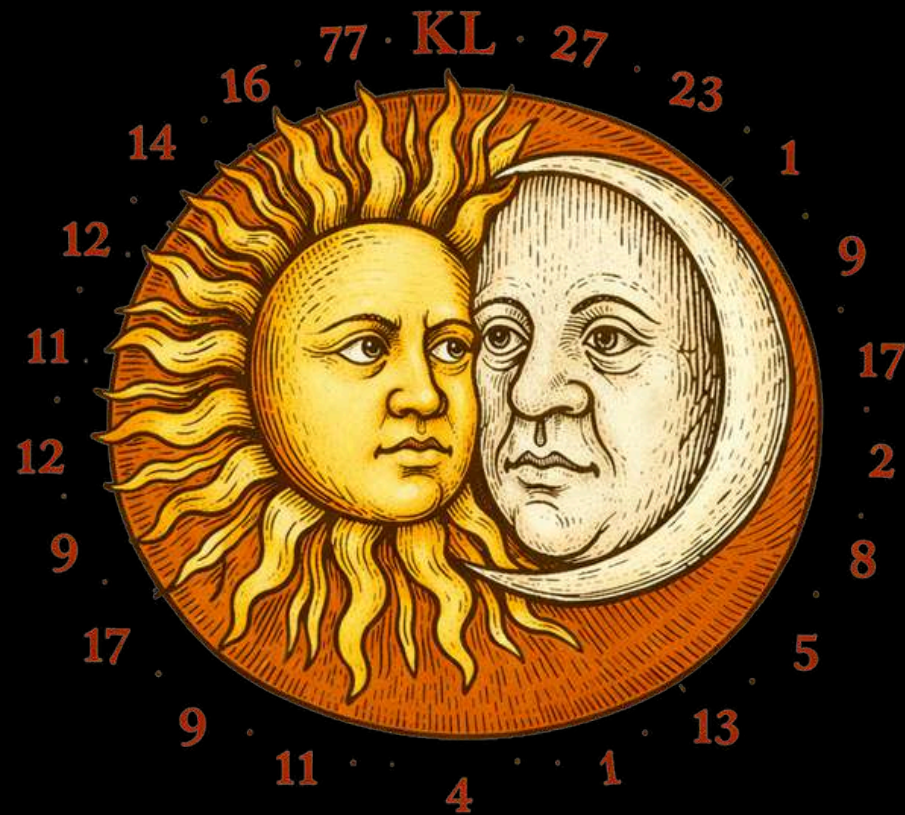


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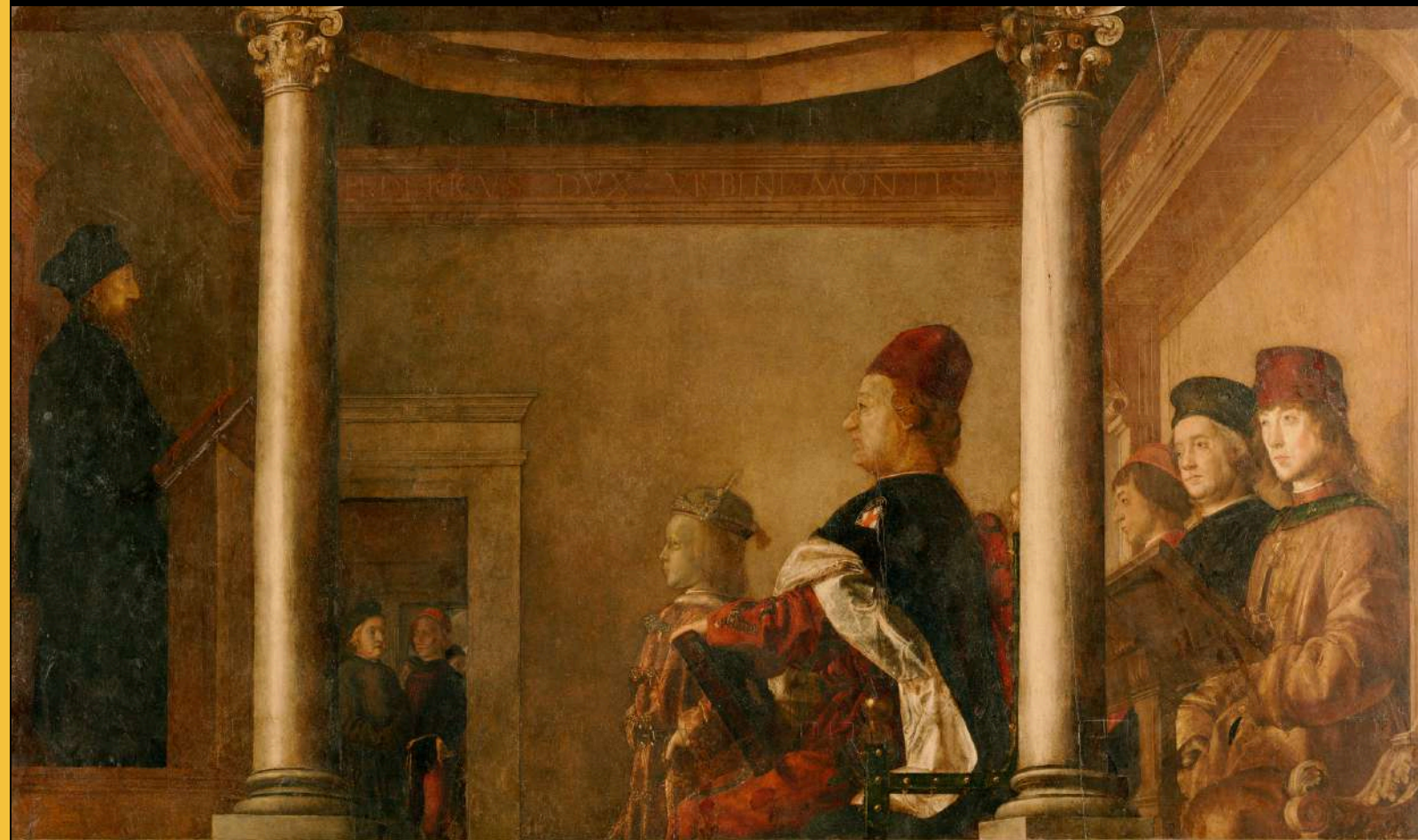
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# May 7th, 2026

## 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 Bischi (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 Ceremony

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 Tagliagalamba (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**