

**ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE PERISTYLE BUILDING OF THE SW  
QUARTER OF PALMYRA (PAL.M.A.I.S. MISSION)**

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The Italian-Syrian joint mission PAL.M.A.I.S. (<http://users.unimi.it/progettopalmyra/>) started at Palmyra in 2008 the stratigraphical excavation of the Peristyle Building in the South-West Quarter of the ancient city.

The first phase of the Peristyle Building is dated between the end of the 2nd and the beginning of the 3rd century AD, a very interesting period for Palmyra's urban development.

The study of the building architecture, particularly focused on the Corinthian order of the peristyle, will be very important in order to increase the knowledge on private housing of this ancient caravan city, a field of research very little known.