

## **VENUE**

### **Complesso di Santa Patrizia**

Via Luciano Armanni, 5  
80138 Napoli (IT)

The Santa Patrizia Complex consists of monumental cloisters located within the walls of the old city centre, in Via Luciano Armanni.

It originated, according to tradition, in 365 A.D. when the body of the virgin patrician, Constantine's niece, who had landed with her nurse Aglai on her ship from Constantinople at Castrum Lucullanum on the islet of Megaride, from where the oxcart carrying her body had miraculously arrived and chosen her tomb, was transferred to the monastery that stood here, dedicated to the Most Holy Nicandro and Marcianus, among the most venerated of the Greek monasteries. After the miraculous event, the monks would join the monastery of St Sebastian.

The monastery, of which layers datable between the mid 6th and 7th centuries have been found, passed to the order of St. Benedict in 1030, following a second translation of the saint's body, which the nuns of St. Patrick first embraced in Naples.

With the suppressions of the French Decade, its long agony began with the final suppression in October 1864, when the nuns were transferred to San Gregorio Armeno together with the saint's body and her blood and the building passed to the state property.

From this moment on, the monastery was reused several times until it was part of the larger project to recover and transform the buildings of the former monastic citadel to meet the needs of the Faculty of Medicine.