



Ca' Foscari - Sala Marino Berengo

Dorsoduro 3246 - 30123 (VE)

The Berengo hall is situated in the context of the historic Ca' Foscari building, a late-Gothic Venetian building built in 1453 at the behest of the Doge Francesco Foscari. The building hosted famous people and in 1868 became the headquarters of the Regia Scuola Superiore di Commercio, the future Ca' Foscari University of Venice. Today, together with Ca' Giustinian and Palazzo Squellini, it is the headquarters of the University.

Berengo Hall

The **Berengo Hall** has been part of the building since its foundation in 1868.

In a site plan of **1871**, the hall is called the "Exam Hall"; in the early years this hall was also in use at the Municipality for the management of events "in case it wants to provide invitations to shows taking place on the Grand Canal".

Subsequently the room was used as an "Aula Magna", until the restoration and overall renovation of the building by Carlo Scarpa in 1935-1937, which moved the

main hall to the second floor (the current Baratto hall). For the first-floor room, Carlo Scarpa installed a wooden wall with movable panels, which can be opened and closed "a soffietto", so that the hall could be used as a classroom, or even as a single large space including the atrium facing the stairs. Moreover, for this room in 1936 the fresco by Mario De Luigi, "La scuola" (which was later moved to the current Baratto hall) was created.

From **1936** the hall, known as the "Conference Hall", was used as a classroom, but also for official ceremonies.

There is evidence of the preparation of the room as early as **1955**, with the original chairs designed by Carlo Scarpa - specifically for this room - and for the classroom built on the second floor (now Baratto hall) on the occasion of the second restoration work in 1955-1956.

The decision to name the room after Marino Berengo was taken by the Academic Senate in the session of **10/26/2011**.