

# WATER- WAYS



THE NEW INSTITUTE  
Centre for Environmental Humanities (NICHE)  
at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**WATER-WAYS WORKSHOP**  
**September 25-26-27, 2024**

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## **Venice and Asian Waterscapes in Dialogue: Exploring Connections, Global Challenges and River Futures**

### **Workshop Programme**

**DAY 1**  
**September 25th, 2024**

Meeting Room 1  
[San Giobbe Economic Campus](#)

08:45 – Workshop registration  
09.30 – 09.50 – Greetings  
09.50 – 10.10 Water-ways Workshop Rationale  
10.10 – 10.30 People in the room

#### **SECTION 1**

**Waterscapes representations: cultural heritage, historical cartography, spatial reconstruction and contemporary arts**

**Chair Discussant: Francesca Tarocco**

10.30 – 11.15 **Keynote speaker: Prof. Francesco Vallerani** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Towards the East: Venetian inland waters as mobility apprenticeship

11.15 -11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12:00 **Monia Chies** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Western explorers at the headwaters of the Yangtze River in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

12:00-12:30 **Amalia Rossi** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Bangkok's Buddhist waterways. The temple/canal system as neglected cultural heritage in the Venice of the East

12:30-13:00 **Elena Longhin** – Delft University of Technology  
Geopolitical Ecologies of the Venetian waterscape

13:00-14:00 Catered Lunch at San Giobbe Campus



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14:00-14:30 **Diana Lange** – Hamburg University  
Ways of Representing Knowledge on Water Bodies on Tibetan Maps

14:30 – 15:00 **Ludovica Galeazzo** – University of Padova  
Interrupted Waterscapes: A Digital Reconstruction of the Islands of Venice's Lagoon across Time

15:00 – 15:30 **Johanna Goetz** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Recording + Online Q&A)  
The politics of hydrosocial imaginaries: tracing relationalities of Mekong aesthetics and Salween temporalities/futures

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:30 Water Taxi to San Marco Square

16.45 – 17.45 **Visit to Fra' Mauro World's Map** at Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana di Venezia

19:00 **Optional Dinner** [To be decided – This will be a no-host arrangement event, so guests are responsible for their own expenses]

## DAY 2

September 26th, 2024

Meeting Room 1

[San Giobbe Economic Campus](#)

09/09:30 – 10.30 **Wetlands Walk** with Luca Cosentino and Chiara Famengo

10.30 – 11.30 **Visit to Ocean Space Exhibition** at San Lorenzo's Church

12.00 -12.30 Water Taxi to San Giobbe Campus

12:30 – 13:30 Catered Lunch at San Giobbe Economic Campus

## SECTION 2

**Waterscapes Perceptions: Water beings, Local Ecological Knowledges and Practices**

Chair Discussant: **Monia Chies**

13:30-14:15 **Keynote speaker: Prof. Gary J. Brierley** – University of Auckland (New Zealand)  
Ways of knowing rivers. Learning to live generatively with living rivers

14:15-14:45 **Franca Tamisari – Elena Zapponi** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Seeing the water and listening to the wind. Embodied ecological knowledge in the Lagoon of Venice



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14:45-15:15 **Alberto Barausse et al.** – University of Padova  
Opportunities and limitations in the incorporation of fishers' local ecological knowledge in environmental research, management and conservation in the Venice lagoon

15:15-15:45 **Andrew A. Johnson** – Stockholm University (online)  
Water Beings: Potency and Sovereignty on the Mekong

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

## SECTION 3

**River and Coastal Communities: Hydraulic Technologies, Endangered Waterscapes and Political Ecologies**

Chair Discussant: **Gary J. Brierley**

16:15-16:45 **Megnaa Mehtta** – University College London  
Lifelines or Imposed Lines: Situating seawalls historically from the Bengal delta to the Venice lagoon

16:45-17:15 **Andrea E. Pia** - London School of Economics  
'Dripping Water Penetrates the Stone (滴水石穿)': the material-semiotic and affective entanglements of an emergent water activism

17:15-17:45 **Xiangli Ding** - Rhode Island School of Design (Recording + Online Q&A)  
The hydro-social life of the Dongting Lake

17:45 – 18:15 **Paul Rabè – Qian Ke** – Erasmus Rotterdam University  
Sinking cities: a longue durée and multi-disciplinary perspective

19:30 **Workshop Dinner** at **Restaurant "Dalla Marisa"** near San Giobbe Campus  
[Venetian Fish Recipes]

**DAY 3**

**September 27th, 2024**

Meeting Room 1

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09:30 – 11.30 **Panel Discussions and Final Roundtable**



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