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Message from the President

“Transnational Education” was the title of a report published by the British Council for a meeting that took place in London during the British Presidency in June 2013, just before the G7 summit.

The meeting was attended by the Rectors and the Presidents of the most important Universities not only of the G7 countries, but of the G20 also.

The reason for the meeting was to address the issues faced by Universities that decide to open a branch campus in an offshore location. This mainly concerns UK, US and Australian Universities, who for some years now have adopted a strategy to attract local students in their overseas campuses.

One of the main topics under discussion was how to ensure the same quality of education as in the “parent” University, the enrollment of the Faculty, the involvement of the local Education Authorities in devising the academic curricula etc.

I was in the position to create quite a stir when I described the paradigm of Venice International University, which has adopted a completely different approach. Instead of exporting knowledge to subsidiaries abroad, we decided to attract Universities from all over the world to Venice (an international city by definition, perfectly suited for studying and a natural laboratory for analyzing environmental problems), in a communal Campus where these Universities address together and on a level footing the issues of the new globalized era.

The comments that were made following my speech showed that there was a strong interest in our Association and during the ensuing debate, I was able to describe in detail how it functions.

And no one could point out a model similar to that of VIU anywhere else in the world.

This is the backdrop against which I feel the need to express my deepest gratitude towards the Founders of VIU for having had the intuition, over twenty years ago, of such a groundbreaking model, still unique today.

In particular, I would like to convey a heartfelt thanks to the first President of VIU, former President of the Italian Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who sadly passed away in September 2016.

I am also particularly grateful to the “founding fathers” of VIU for their visionary decision to embark on this adventure: the Province of Venice (now the Metropolitan City of Venice), owners of the Island of San Servolo where VIU has its Campus; the Fondazione di Venezia; and the initial group of five Universities who pioneered this unique model: the two Venetian Universities Ca’ Foscari and IUAV, Duke University in the US, LMU in Germany and UAB in Spain.

I also want to thank all the Rectors of the Universities who have since joined, and those who have taken office during these past twenty years, for their extraordinary contribution towards the growth of our activities. In the course of 2016, the prestigious University KU Leuven in Belgium became the latest addition to our Association. The Dean, Professor Carlo Giupponi, has ensured the development and success of all our academic programs: he deserves a very special applause for his outlook and dedication.



The members of the Governing Bodies - the Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Academic Council - have committed themselves to introduce new tracks for PhD Programs in important fields of study. But everyone (the Governors, Deans, Professors, students and staff of VIU) has contributed towards the promotion of our Association in Italy and throughout the world. This was done through a growth in our activities that could rely on the great potential of such a unique formula.

As far as the local territory is concerned, VIU has taken part in numerous important events in the City of Venice: every year we are involved with the Art and Architecture Biennale, and we figure at the top of the Biennale Billboard of University partners at the entrance of the Giardini.

VIU has also organized its own cultural events. In 2016, I would like to mention a specially designed exhibition by Chinese master Qin Feng on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, which culminated with a performance by the artist in the Refectory in a stunning dialogue with Paolo Veronese’s Wedding at Cana. VIU also co-organized a very special Retrospective by the great Chinese artist Han Meilin, in collaboration with Ca’ Foscari University.

These activities have contributed greatly towards the image of VIU and its appreciation by the local authorities: the City Council, the Metropolitan City of Venice and the Veneto Region have all recognized our contribution towards local cultural and academic activities.

We would like to see an ever-increasing involvement of all our member Universities in our activities, in particular the Graduate Seminars, the Summer Schools and the new PhD Academies.

We hope that other Universities from other geographical areas of the world not yet represented in VIU will want to join our Association, in particular the African and South American continents.

Lastly, I would like to mention that the VIU Alumni Network is a welcome addition to our activities, creating a bridge between the past, present and future Members of the Student body, the Faculty and the staff who have lived the “Global Experience” that VIU offers on the wonderful island of San Servolo, in the heart of the Venice lagoon.



Message from the Dean

Prof. Carlo Giupponi was elected Dean of VIU
on 22 March 2016

I have had the pleasure of being involved in several VIU initiatives in the past and have contributed myself by organizing some conferences and seminars at VIU, where I benefitted from the professional support of the staff, the quality of the facilities and the beauty of the place. When the opportunity of becoming the new Dean of VIU emerged, I went back to those past experiences and found strong motivations for offering my competences for this new and challenging role. I found further incentives through the initial interactions with the colleagues from the eighteen Partner Institutions, whom I had the pleasure to meet in March. The two first – quite hectic – weeks of work at VIU, with dozens of meetings and brainstorming with the staff, three former deans and other colleagues collaborating in various ways with VIU just confirmed my initial feelings. VIU is a well-established organization, but I think we can easily identify several directions for consolidating the 20-year “VIU tradition” and develop new ideas in partnership for the future: efforts to move from 1-way or 2-way collaborations towards networks; further expansion of the partnership in geographical areas of strategic interest; improved collaboration between “local” universities and the other partners. Even if not entirely within VIU competencies, I would like also to develop actions to demonstrate that the concept of sustainability we teach to students and young scholars from all over the world is practically implemented on the island of San Servolo. I look forward to learning how at least some of those ideas can find concrete implementation in the coming years of collaboration with all those interested in the future of VIU.

Carlo Giupponi
Dean of Venice International University



About VIU

Venice International University is something unique in the academic world – a consortium of 17 universities from all over the world with an autonomous campus on the island of San Servolo, Venice, Italy.

Mission

The mission of VIU is to foster cooperation among VIU member institutions while facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas, by developing, promoting and organizing joint academic, research and training/capacity-building programs. VIU thereby contributes to, and is an integral part of the internationalization strategies of the member organizations.

Role of universities today

Universities today must play a strategic role in addressing the new global challenges: sustainable development, climate change and energy, food and water security, urban growth, welfare, ageing populations, the widening gap between rich and poor, global ethics, protection of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, human rights, equality, democratization, peace and conflict, global governance, cyber-security. Some of these critical global issues can be predicted, others arise unexpectedly and suddenly, and traditional training is not necessarily the best way to find solutions. Today's students need to develop different skills, must be able to work across disciplines, to react with great flexibility and a broad intellectual range.

Common campus in Venice

The common campus in Venice creates a sense of community that favors consensus building. Programs are drawn up collegially together, across disciplines, continents, languages and cultures. Students encounter a truly intercultural experience at VIU.

One of the advantages is to be in Venice, a living laboratory in a fragile environment with a remarkable cultural heritage where students and professors can directly experience and become aware of some of the common challenges.

Research triangle


Since its foundation in 1995, VIU has increasingly worked to promote the research triangle of stakeholders – industry, academia and government – through research projects, advanced training programs targeting professionals and policy-makers, internships for university students and by inviting experts in chosen fields to recount their experience to VIU students.

Founded in 1995

Venice International University was founded on December 15, 1995 and is a legally recognized association operating under Italian private law. Its status as a non-profit association carries full patrimonial autonomy. The Italian Ministry for University Education and Scientific and Technological Research formally recognized the Venice International University consortium as an international centre of higher education and research by Ministerial Decree on 23 October 1997.



Academic Programs



Globalization Program

Today's globalized world needs flexible minds, able to move across disciplines, capable of tackling challenges with innovative humanistic approaches while recognizing the importance of environmental and economic sustainability and natural and cultural heritage and understanding, while communicating and working with people from other cultures.

This program brings together talented, motivated students from the member universities in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment. Students enjoy a powerful learning experience in which they develop their capacity for critical thinking, working across disciplines, creatively embracing new ideas.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. Students of the Globalization Program are thus more prepared for graduate studies and for careers in new and emerging fields.

Each term 140+ students (Bachelor or Master level) take part, choosing from a course offering of 20+ courses which are English-taught by visiting professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit.

Courses on three core topics are on offer every semester. There are two specialization tracks which are offered in alternate semesters.

Core Topics

ITALY

courses that showcase Venetian and Italian life, culture, art and history

CULTURES OF THE WORLD

courses that examine the cultures of the world; courses that make the most of the intercultural classroom

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

courses that address current, global issues, preferably from an interdisciplinary perspective

Specialization Tracks

ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE

Fall only

The aim of this specialization track is to introduce students to concepts such as Natural and Cultural Heritage, both tangible and intangible; to the challenges posed by their management, preservation and development, in relation to development policies and/or citizenship issues.

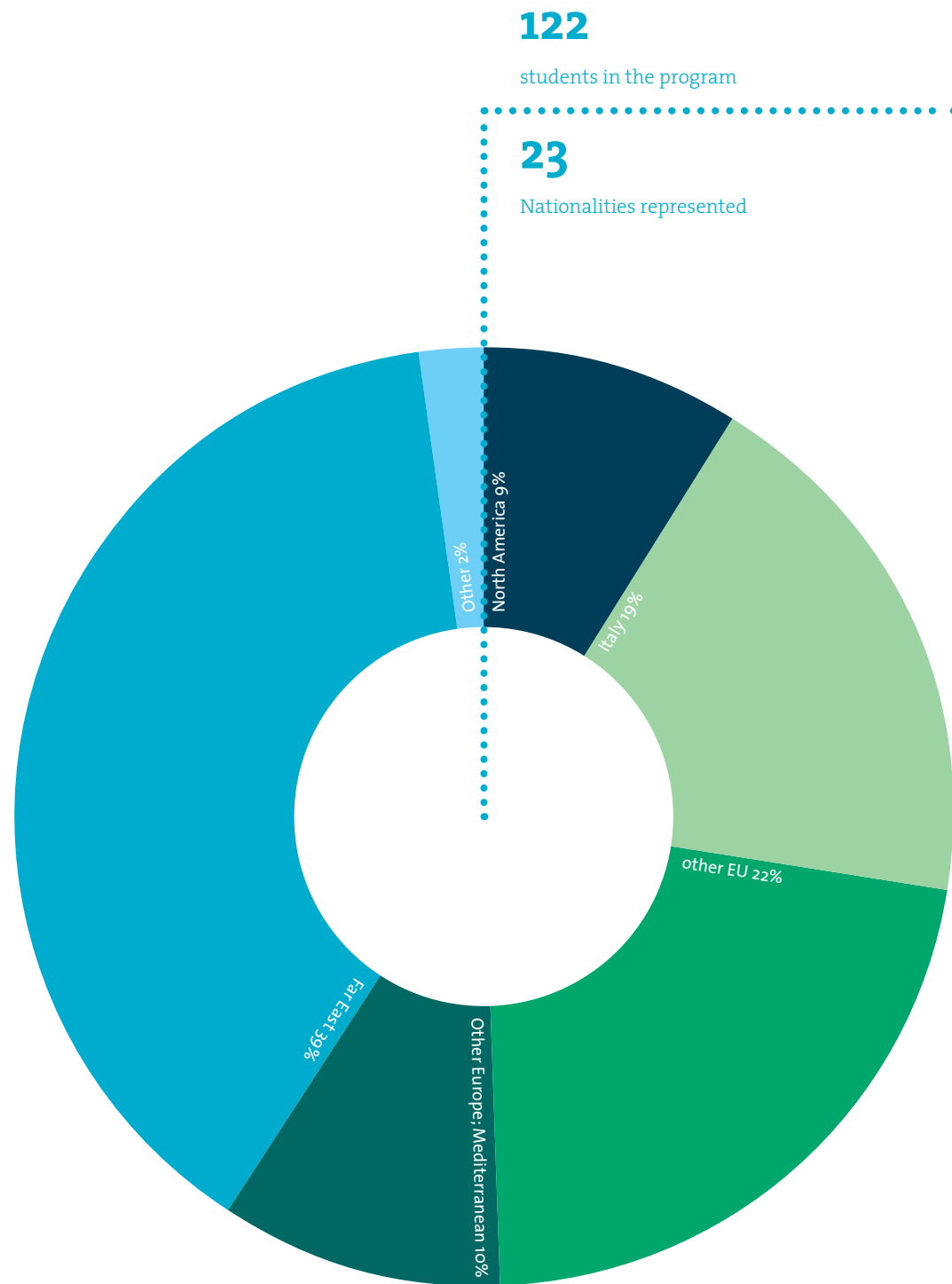
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Spring only

The aim of this specialization track is to develop awareness of Sustainability concepts and issues, applied to the environment and the economy, learning about sustainable practices and management, adopting ethical and cultural approaches.

Spring 2016 Term

February 15 – May 27, 2016



Courses offered

ITALY

01. **History of Venice**
Luca Pes
Venice International University
02. **Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice**
Alessandra Pattanaro & Barbara Savy
Università degli Studi di Padova
03. **Italian Contemporary History in Films**
Luca Pes
Venice International University
04. **Italian for Foreigners – beginner, intermediate, upper-intermediate levels**
Massimo Brunzin (coordinator)
Venice International University

CULTURES OF THE WORLD

05. **Comparing East and West**
Atsuhiko Wada
Waseda University
06. **Gender Studies**
Martina Avanza
Université de Lausanne
07. **Intercultural Communication**
Ludovica Scarpa
Università Iuav di Venezia
08. **The Infinite Unveiled to the Gaze: Forms of Representation Between Orient and Occident**
Agostino De Rosa
Università Iuav di Venezia
09. **The Family – A Safe Haven or a Battle Field**
Zahava Solomon
Tel Aviv University
10. **Print Culture and Readers in Modern Japan**
Atsuhiko Wada
Waseda University

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

11. **Identity, Heritage and Globalization**
Klaus Benesch
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
12. **Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights**
Sara De Vido
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
13. **Nationalism and Ethno-nationalism in a Globalized World**
Martina Avanza
Université de Lausanne
14. **In the Shadow of Terror: Can Good Things Come Out of Bad Experiences?**
Zahava Solomon
Tel Aviv University
15. **The Artful Things of Climate Change**
Min Hyoung Song
Boston College

SPECIALIZATION TRACK

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

01.
Globalization, Environment and Sustainable Development
Ignazio Musu & Ilda Mannino
Venice International University

02.
Cities, Global Change and Sustainable Development
Margherita Turvani
Università Iuav di Venezia

03.
Introduction to World Oil and Gas Markets
Jack Sharples & Irina Mironova
European University at St. Petersburg

04.
Introduction to Energy Politics
Jack Sharples & Irina Mironova
European University at St. Petersburg

05.
Economic Valuation of Environmental Goods
Stefania Tonin
Università Iuav di Venezia
(short course)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

01.
The Aesthetics of Privacy: Reading and Writing under Conditions of Globalization
Klaus Benesch
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

02.
Cities After 9/11
Min Hyoung Song
Boston College

03.
Management of the Industrial and Crafts Heritage
Giovanni Luigi Fontana & Andrea Caracausi
Università degli Studi di Padova



Awards for Outstanding Academic Performance

Each semester the faculty recognize a number of students for their outstanding academic performance and contribution to the Globalization Program.

Zhen Du
Tsinghua University

Laura Kirlum
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Bai Ruiqiao
Tsinghua University

Du Xinming
Tsinghua University

Miriam Jost
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Viktoria Unger
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Leonardo Mariangeli
Università degli Studi di Padova

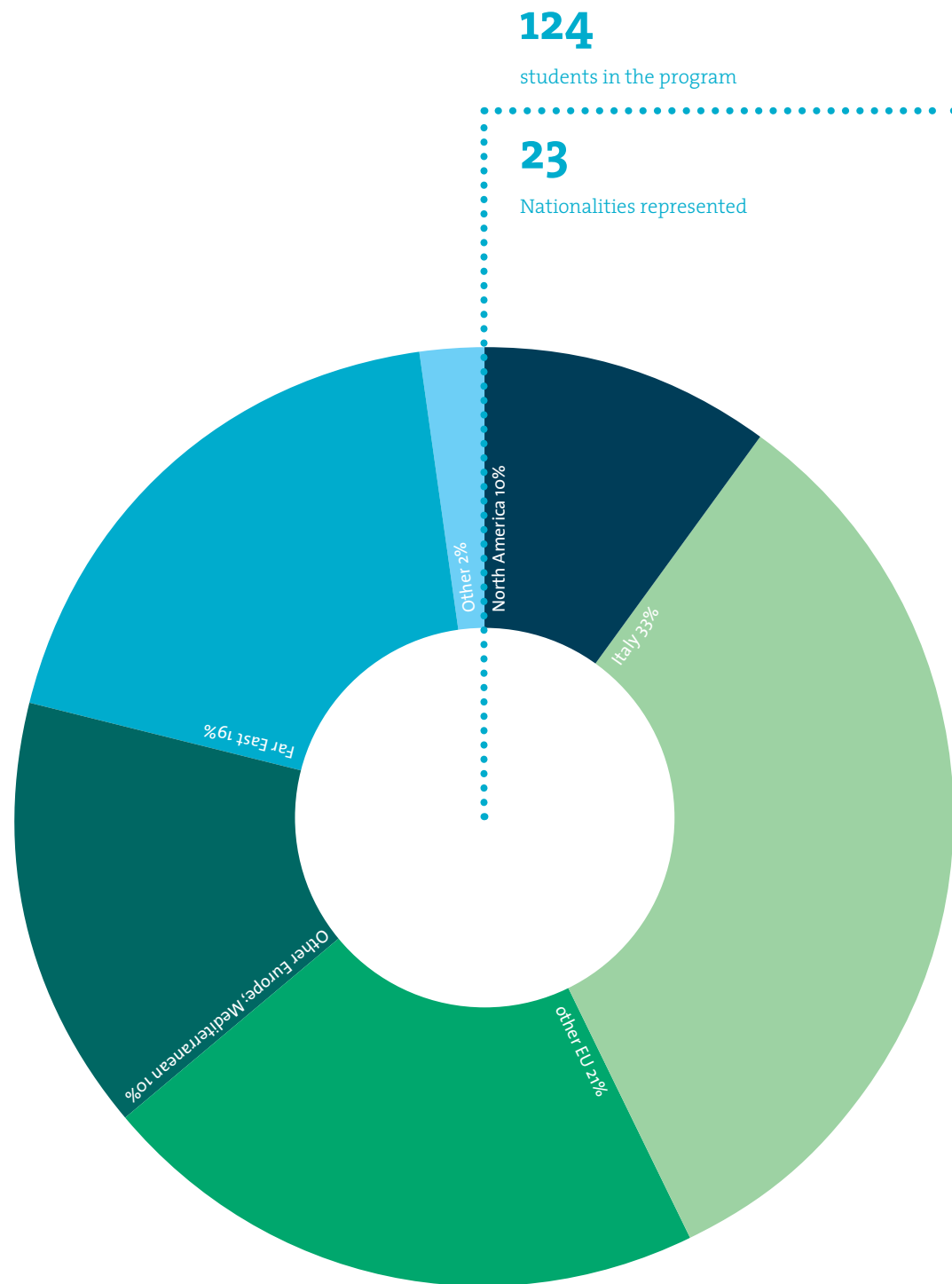
Ekaterina Mikhailova-Smolnyakova
European University at St. Petersburg

Wendy Sun
Duke University



Fall 2016 Term

September 5 – December 16, 2016



Courses offered

ITALY

01. **History of Venice**
Luca Pes
Venice International University
02. **Italian Contemporary History in Films**
Luca Pes
Venice International University
03. **Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice**
Alessandra Pattanaro & Barbara Savy
Università degli Studi di Padova
04. **The Architectural and Urban Heritage of Venice in Modern and Contemporary Times**
Guido Zucconi & Isabella di Lenardo
Università Iuav di Venezia
05. **Italian for Foreigners – beginner, intermediate, upper-intermediate levels**
Massimo Brunzin (coordinator)
Venice International University

11. **Everyday Life in Ancient Greece**
Moshe Fischer
Tel Aviv University
12. **Jewish History and Culture in Imperial Russia and in the USSR, 1772-1990**
Valery Dymshits & Aleksandr Ivanov
European University at St. Petersburg
13. **Cultural History of the Jewish Diaspora**
Valery Dymshits & Aleksandr Ivanov
European University at St. Petersburg

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

14. **Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights**
Hans-Martin Schönherr-Mann
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
15. **Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development**
Hatsue Shinohara
Waseda University

CULTURES OF THE WORLD

06. **Comparing East and West**
Dennis Shirley
Boston College
07. **Intercultural Communication**
Elisabetta Pavan
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
08. **Gender Studies**
Luca Trappolin
Università degli Studi di Padova
09. **History of US-Japan Relations**
Hatsue Shinohara
Waseda University
10. **Intercultural Communication in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Land of Israel in Greco-Roman Times**
Moshe Fischer
Tel Aviv University

16. **Identity, Heritage and Globalization**
Martina Avanza
Université de Lausanne
17. **Contemporary Migration and Refugee Crisis**
Martina Avanza
Université de Lausanne
18. **The Social Consequences of Globalization. The Case of the Italian Northeast**
Guido Borelli
Università Iuav di Venezia
19. **The Ethics of Technological Society**
Hans-Martin Schönherr-Mann
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

SPECIALIZATION TRACK

ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE

01.
**Digital Tools for the Humanities:
Critical Perspectives**

Dennis Shirley
Boston College

02.
**Fundamentals of Web Based
Multimedia Communication**

Victoria Szabo
Duke University

03.
Digital Storytelling

Victoria Szabo
Duke University

04.
**Economics and Management
of the Arts**

Bruno Bernardi
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

05.
**Training in UNESCO World
Heritage Studies**

Giorgio Gianighian
Venice International University



Awards for Outstanding Academic Performance

Dobmeier Florian
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Jackson Reed McLaurin
Duke University

Thomas Ikeda
Boston College

Lisa Hoehn
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Caroline Fernelius
Duke University

Anna Gussoni
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Greta Albertari
*Università degli Studi
di Roma "Tor Vergata"*

Intensive Graduate Activities

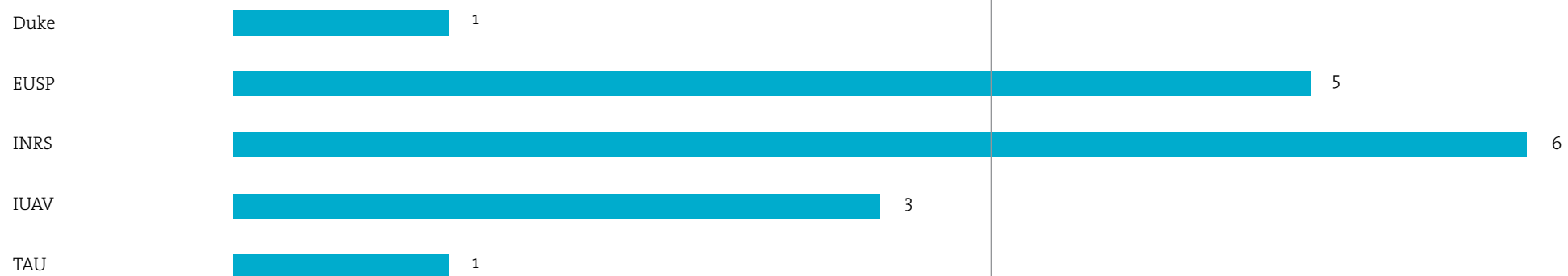
In 2015 the Board of Directors and the Academic Council decided to launch a new series of intensive graduate activities to fulfil the mission of facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas. A successful series of graduate activities is expected to result in the building and strengthening of networks on areas of shared interest within the consortium. The first of these were launched in 2016 and an intensification of the activities is programmed for 2017-2018.



PhD Academy

Venice International University holds two International PhD Academies each year. They are intensive training opportunities open to PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU. A PhD is the highest diploma awarded by universities in the world, and PhDs are naturally expected to take on major responsibilities in their professional life. Apart from the disciplinary scientific skills acquired during doctoral study and research, it is the ability to respond to the requirements of creativity, innovation and project management, and in addition the ability to step aside and examine scenarios from different perspectives, that produce the significant added value of a doctoral degree. Whether they will work within or outside academia, PhDs must be able to develop a forward-looking vision of the challenges they have to face. The interdisciplinary approach of all VIU activities is adopted also in the PhD Academy, where the participants have the opportunity to meet their peers from all over the world, and to tackle transversal topics.

16 PhD students representing five VIU Member Universities took part in the first edition of the PhD Academy.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES & SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR SCIENTISTS: PROACTIVE CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN ACADEMIA

8-15 January 2016
Contributing faculty

Diane West
European University at St. Petersburg
(co-coordinator)

Fiorenzo Vetrone
INRS – Université de Recherche

Patrizio Antici
INRS – Université de Recherche

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University of Padova

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University of Padova

Ilya Utekhin
European University at St. Peterburg

Science and Technology Studies

Morning sessions

Coordinated by
Diane West
European University at St. Petersburg

Science & Technology Studies (STS) is an interdisciplinary field, bringing together sociology, history, philosophy, sociology and related social science and humanities approaches. STS looks at science and technology (S&T) as a means of asking about the creation of facts, technological objects, and scientific knowledge, examining the ways in which S&T are embedded in social life. STS also provides a way to critically engage technical claims while retaining a researcher's own critical detachment from the claims of scientists and engineers. These claims can be far-reaching, engaging not only classical studies of technology, scientific laboratories, and production of scientific knowledge, but also examines issues around innovation, intellectual property, urban study, technological risks, intersection between art and science, and myriad other domains.

Survival Skills for Scientists: Proactive Career Development in Academia

Afternoon seminars and focus sessions

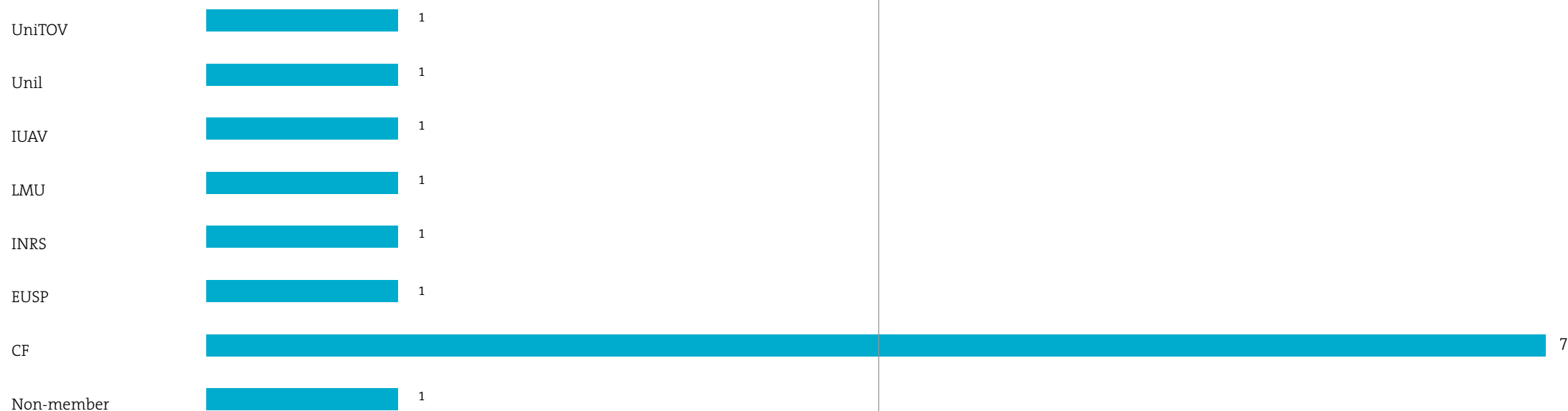
Coordinated by
Fiorenzo Vetrone
INRS – Université de Recherche

A series of seminars with invited speakers was offered to provide the students with a flavor of the possibilities that exist both within the academy and outside. For example: journal editors, eminent scientists working outside of academia (in private research institutes, government labs, etc.), consultants, patent and intellectual property experts, scientists who have spun off companies, science journalists.

Graduate Seminars

These are thematic intensive seminars given in a concentrated period on subjects of universal interest, open to a broad spectrum of disciplines. They are suited to both Master's and PhD students and are open to candidates from all the VIU member institutions. Significant cooperation among departments in the member universities is expected.

14 graduate students from VIU Member Universities participated in the graduate seminar.



FRAMING GLOBAL CHANGE AND GREEN ECONOMY IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS September 12-16, 2016

Prof. Carlo Giupponi
VIU & Ca' Foscari University of Venice
(coordinator)

The seminar was organized in collaboration with Ca' Foscari University of Venice, PhD in Science and Management of Climate Change. The school introduced the challenges within the newly introduced Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focusing on climate change challenges and green economy, referring to several specific SDGs. The aim of the school was to expose participants (PhD and graduate students) to principles and issues related to the SDGs and climate change, analyzing them from different points of view and providing tools and methodologies to apply among the others (i) economic and political tools, (ii) consumers' behaviour and demand role, (iii) innovation and technical aspects, (iv) indicators and evaluation techniques. The school was organized as a combination of lectures and student activities from Monday morning to Friday. The participants were involved in lectures and in group work for practising and applying the tools and techniques presented.

Contributing Faculty

- Carlo Giupponi
Ca' Foscari University of Venice and VIU
- Francesco Berrilli
University of Rome Tor Vergata
- Lorenza Campagnolo
Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
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- Arturo Lorenzoni
University of Padova
- Francesco Musco
Università Iuav di Venezia
- Ignazio Musu
Ca' Foscari University of Venice and VIU
- Mariangela Zoli
University of Rome Tor Vergata

Summer Schools

During the Summer Term, VIU organizes and hosts a series of summer schools in cooperation with the member institutions. These intensive programs focus on specific themes which are of common interest to the members involved and which have been identified as strategic for the VIU consortium, for example: sustainable development, preservation of cultural heritage, and the challenges that society faces today due to ageing populations.

World-renowned academics come together in the unique setting of VIU's campus on the island of San Servolo, where they engage with students of various levels.

The goal of these interdisciplinary summer schools is to disseminate knowledge among students (undergrad, master's, PhD, post-doc) and young academics, and to establish and reinforce research networks among the VIU community.



SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AGEING June 6-10, 2016 (4th edition)

Contributing faculty:

Rob Alessie
University of Groningen

Mauricio Avendano
King's College London

James Banks
University of Manchester

Lisa Berkman
Harvard University

Agar Brugiavini
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Amitabh Chandra
Harvard University

John T. Giles
World Bank

Michael Hurd
RAND

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*Institute of Neuroscience,
National Research Council of Italy*

Juergen Maurer
Université de Lausanne

Christine McGarrigle
Trinity College Dublin

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Duke University

Drystan Phillips
RAND

Anne Nolan
Trinity College Dublin

Susann Rohwedder
RAND

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Friedrich-Alexander-Universitaet

Emily Sinnot
World Bank

Guglielmo Weber
University of Padova

In 2016 the Summer Institute on Ageing reached its 4th edition, and continues to provide students and early-career researchers with a multidisciplinary and rigorous understanding of the ageing process, ranging from some basic notions of the medical and epidemiological literature, to an extensive treatment of economics (pensions and retirement, ageing in society and intergenerational relationships) and social sciences (role of family networks). The program also addresses ICT, domotics and intelligent homes as a means to cope with ageing. 20 participants from eight countries took part in the 2016 Summer Institute which is open to PhD and post-doc scholars in economics, statistics, social sciences and medicine, and also professionals in the pharmaceutical and ageing care industries.

The 2016 edition of the workshop was jointly promoted by:

- _ Venice International University,
- _ Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Dept. Economics,
- _ National Research Council of Italy, (CNR) Ageing Project,
- _ Université de Lausanne,
- _ University of Padua.

**RESPONSIBLE CAPITALISM: STRATEGY,
GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE**
June 5-9, 2016 (1st edition)

Contributing faculty:

Francesco Zirpoli
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
(Program Director)

Giovanni Favero
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Fabrizio Ferraro
IESE Business School

Andreas Hoepner
Henley Business School

Guido Palazzo
Université de Lausanne

Josh Whitford
Columbia University

The growing gap between rich and poor, the social and environmental side effects of production and a regulatory vacuum around multinational production networks have forced a new critical debate on our economic system. The Summer School explored sustainable capitalism from different angles: It will start by analyzing the ever more “postnational” constellation of capitalism, the potential roles and responsibilities of corporations in this changing societal context and sustainable corporate strategies. It addressed the integration of environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) in traditional financial portfolio management and the concept of responsible investment. The analysis of the key complications of sustainability also featured, namely the fact that it requires interdependent decisions and actions of multiple agents in a distributed environment. This circumstance alters both decision-making and the strategy implementation processes, and challenges the current governance and management conceptual toolkit available to scholars and practitioners. The program was established to promote research and education on the future of capitalism in the light of current research in economic sociology, strategy, organization theory, finance, history and philosophy.

The school will provide a unique opportunity for early-career researchers to interact with prominent scholars in the field and develop their own research ideas. Applications were invited from PhD candidates, research master's students and post-doc researchers in Management, Strategy, Organization Theory, Finance, Economic Sociology, and related disciplines from universities worldwide.

14 graduate students attended, representing Italy, Spain, UK, Sweden. The 2016 edition of the Summer School was jointly promoted by: VIU, Università Ca' Foscari, Université de Lausanne.

**VISUALIZING VENICE:
THE GHETTO OF VENICE**
Digital Visualization Workshop
June 8-20, 2016, 5th edition

Faculty:

Mark Olson, Victoria Szabo
Duke University

Teaching Assistants
**Hannah Jacobs, Erica Sherman
and Edward Triplett**
Duke University

Ludovica Galeazzo
Università Iuav di Venezia

Senior Advisors
Caroline Bruzelius
Duke University
Donatella Calabi
Università Iuav di Venezia

Since 2012 Duke University, Università Iuav di Venezia, and Venice International University have collaborated in the field of historical and cultural visualization within the framework of the Visualizing Venice Summer Workshops. This workshop, held every summer at VIU, teaches a range of digital skills in digital mapping, 3D modeling from ground plans and photos, mobile application development, and time based media authorship to enable participants to engage historical questions with emerging digital tools. These technologies are taught through the use of a theme concerning the city of Venice which is different every year.

The case study adopted for training with a variety of technologies and applications during the summer 2016 edition was “The Ghetto of Venice”, and coincided with the 500th anniversary of its foundation. During the first week of the course students learned techniques for digital production by drawing upon existing research materials provided by colleagues in the Visualizing Venice team. Each day, students learned about a different type of digital media production within the context of how that type of reconstruction is typically used in digital art and architectural history.

During the second week, the students worked collaboratively to create projects using the tools they had learned, with the goal of creating high-quality, public-facing research products suitable for a general audience, as well as identifying potential areas to explore in their own future research. The final projects devised during the workshop used a combination of tools taught in the first week: SketchUp, Neatline, Omeka, WordPress, Google Earth, QGIS, RAW, Photoshop, and iMovie. Most of the projects also used combinations of 3D modeling and mapping to examine their research questions, and several mixed in data visualization as a third form of visual communication. The four projects created at the end of the workshop were:

_ Mapping Food in the Ghetto: Practical Aspects and Jewish Identity. Preparing of food had an important role in Jewish community. Restriction of food may have had an impact on spaces in the Ghetto.

_ The Changing Architectural Aspects of the Ghetto. Exploring the visual experience of the ghetto over time by exploring plans, elevations, and changing features.

_ Movement of Jewish People and Goods into and within Venice Through Time. Visualizing ways in which Jewish movement of people and goods helped configure cultural and spatial community interaction.

_ Ornament and Decoration in Venetian Synagogues. Using methods of material culture to reconstruct experience of Venetian synagogue spaces and explore the human scale of experience.

16 PhD students in the field of Art History, Architecture and History from all over the world took part in the workshop. VIU is grateful to The Getty Foundation for its generous support.

FIELD EXPERIMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS

June 26-July 2, 2016 (16th edition)

Contributing Faculty:

John List

*University of Chicago
(School co-coordinator)*

Massimo Tavoni

*Politecnico di Milano,
CMCC and FEEM,
(School co-coordinator)*

Giovanna D'Adda

Politecnico di Milano

Andreas Lange

University of Hamburg

Michael Price

Georgia State University

Daan P. Van Soest

Tilburg University

The 2016 edition of the Summer School discussed the most relevant research about field experimentation, with direct relevance of environmental economics. Key topics included preferences, resources and valuation, cooperation, energy and water conservation, development and growth, as well as climate change. During the sessions the students discussed the latest developments in the literature, and had the opportunity to present their own work to their peers and the faculty.

20 students were admitted, representing Italy, USA, UK, Switzerland, Germany, Turkey, Sweden, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, China.

The 2016 edition of the Summer School was jointly promoted by: VIU, European Association of Resource Economics and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD: COPING WITH SEA LEVEL RISE

11-23 July 2016 (3rd edition)

Faculty:

Sonia Silvestri

*Duke University,
Program Director*

Georg Umgiesser

ISMAR-CNR

Marco Marani

Duke University

Mario Putti

Università degli Studi di Padova

Tjeerd Bouma

Royal Netherlands Institute of Sea Research

Andrea D'Alpaos

Università degli Studi di Padova

Gavin Smith

UNC Chapel Hill

William Pan

Duke University

The Nicholas School of the Environment (Duke University) and Venice International University offered the third edition of a Summer Program that provides training in key topics about the impact of sea level rise on coastal areas and cities.

This course aimed to give students a broad perspective on the impact of sea level rise upon coastal areas from the social, economic and environmental point of view. Adaptation and mitigation strategies are analyzed and students are involved in discussions on critical management issues, developing their own critiquing concepts in a multidisciplinary framework.

Participants in the 2016 edition, graduate students and working professionals from a range of disciplines and with an interest in environmental issues, learned the use of operational tools for coastal zone monitoring and management, and participated in four field campaigns aimed at exploring the most up-to-date techniques for coastal defense and protection.

The interactive sessions in the digital technologies lab aimed at giving students a basic knowledge of some of the most-used software in environmental monitoring and management. The field campaigns used the Venetian lagoon to study the intertwined dynamics of human and natural systems.

The site visits included: Ca' Bianca Land Reclamation Management Consortium, the salt marshes of the northern lagoon, Arsenale – Consorzio Venezia Nuova and the MOSE system at the Lido inlet.

18 students participated, representing Italy, USA, Japan, China, Mexico, and Brazil.

Internships and Mobility Program

VIU promotes international mobility by providing internship opportunities and scholarships to students of the member universities who attend the Globalization Program. Following the semester of courses at VIU, selected students are offered internships at research centers, universities, cultural organizations and companies in Italy and abroad. VIU issues two calls for applications each semester. Worldwide opportunities are available to Master's students in any of the member universities. Qualified students attend one semester of courses at VIU and compete for the research internships at the member universities and other excellent host organizations with whom VIU has signed bilateral agreements. Internship opportunities in Italy are open to both undergraduate and master's-level students, and allow selected students to gain practical experience and familiarity with working life and organizational dynamics of some of the most important research centers, companies and institutions active in the fields of Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development. Successful students receive scholarships to contribute to their travel and living costs abroad.



Internships in Italy

Tom Macht
Architecture
Università Iuav di Venezia Exchange
Fondazione Musei Civici – Technical Office

Nermine Mohamed
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Università Ca' Foscari Venezia Exchange
UNESCO Office in Venice

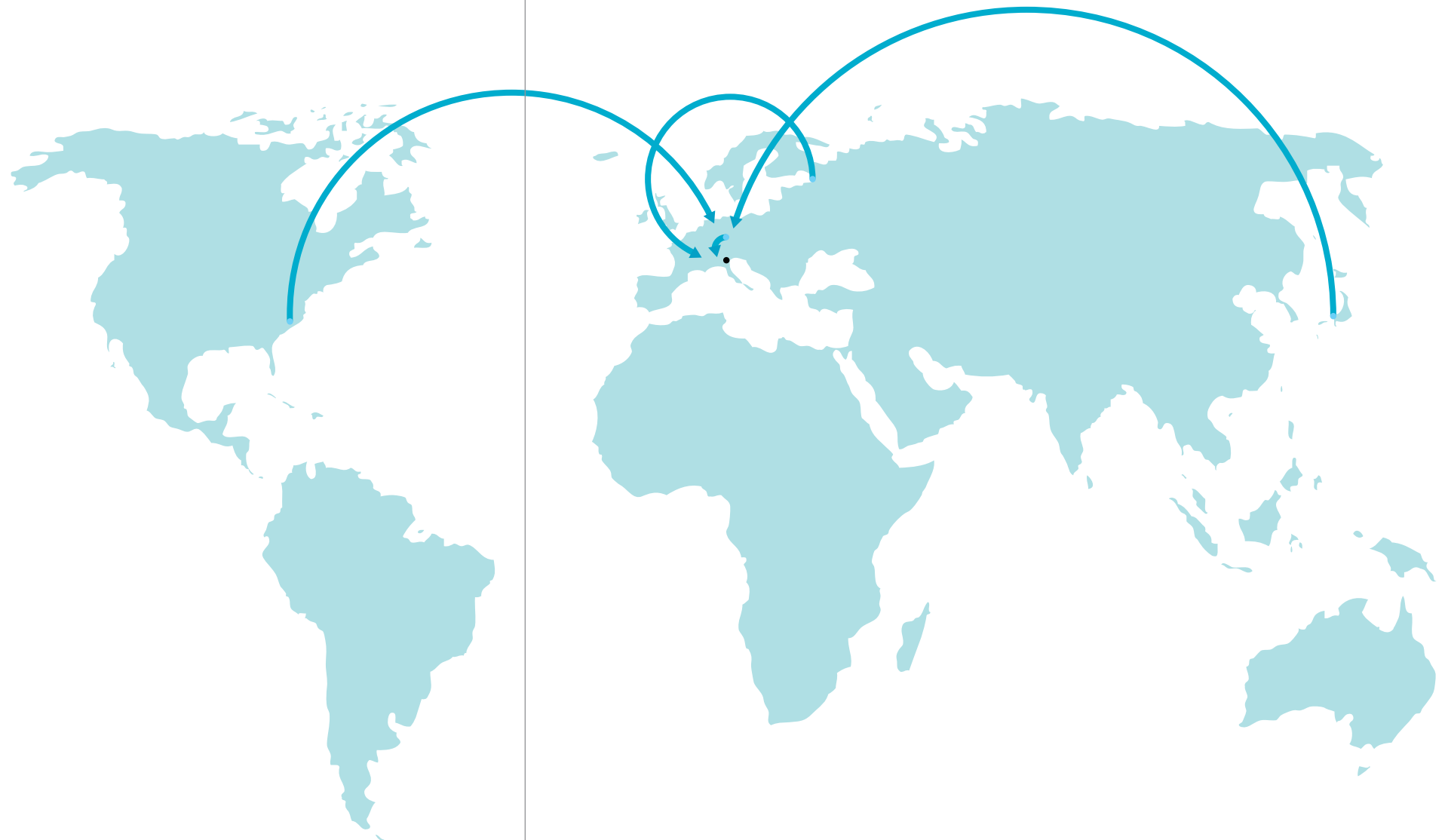
Iku Sasajima
Culture, Media and Society
Waseda University
Peggy Guggenheim Collection

Lei Zhang
Neuroscience
Duke University
Municipality of Venice
International and EU Policy Division

Laura Kirlum
Political Science
Ludwig Maximilians Universität
Fondazione La Biennale di Venezia
73rd Venice International Film Festival

Harriette Moore
History
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia Exchange
Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia
Museo di Casa Goldoni

Ekaterina Mikhailova-Smolniakova
History of Art
European University at St. Petersburg



Worldwide Mobility

Thomas Bauer
*Ludwig Maximilians Universität
Political Science*
Final Dissertation Project: “Korean Reunification”
*Tsinghua University, Department of International
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*Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
International Relations*
Final Dissertation Project: “Europe
and Kazakhstan”
European University at St. Petersburg

Gabriel Pressman
*Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
Business Administration*
Final Dissertation Project:
“Judaism in American television”
Tel Aviv University

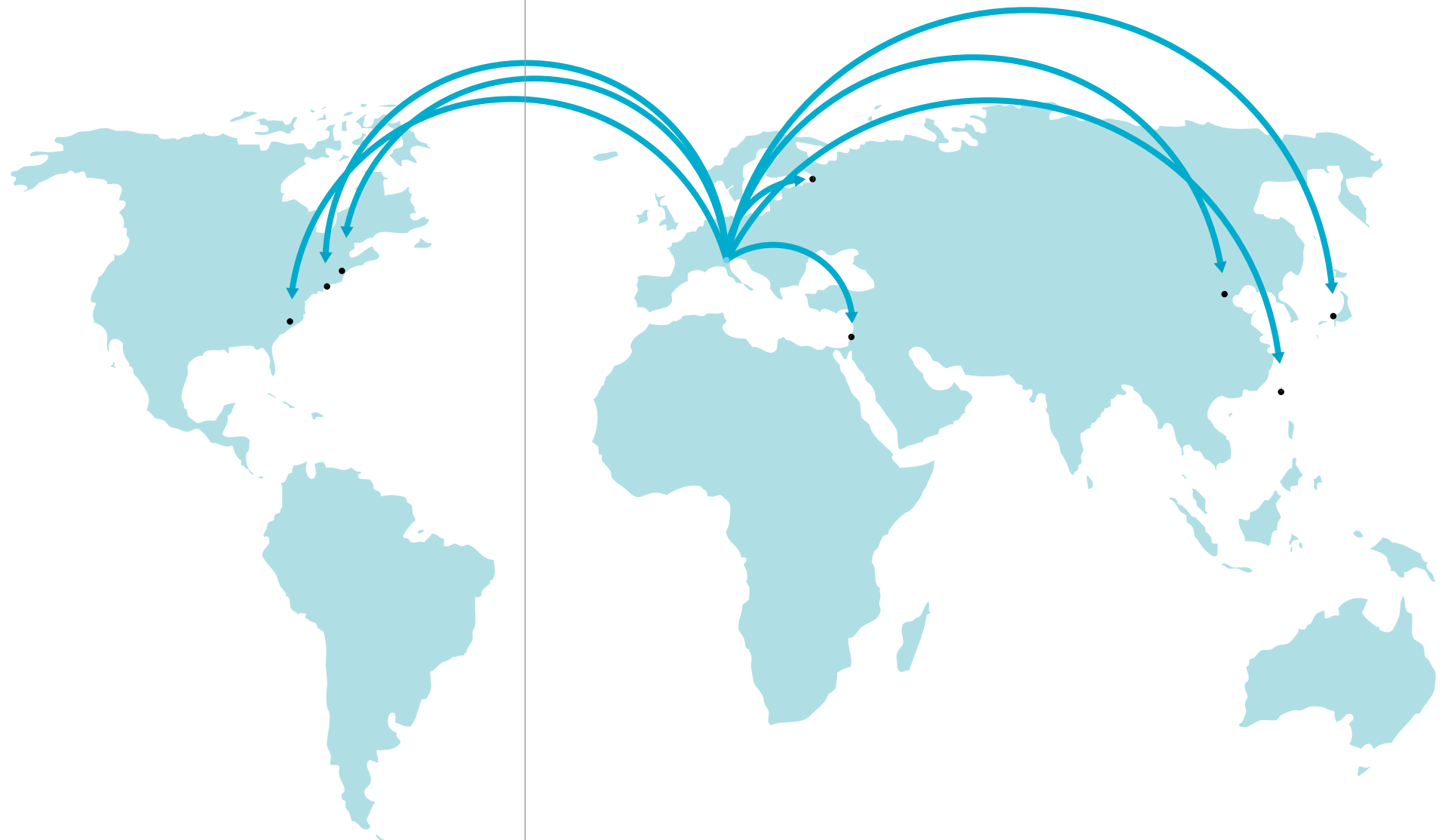
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Languages, Economics and Legal Institutions
of Asia (Japan Curriculum)*
Final Dissertation Project: “Japanese Energy
Politics: Natural Gas Market”
Waseda University

Agnese Olga Cecilia Ziliani
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Languages, Economics and Legal Institutions
of Asia (China curriculum)*
Winner of the 2016 Maria Weber Scholarship
Final Dissertation Project: “Gender and politics
in Taiwan: Li Ang's feminist works and novels”
*National Central University Taiwan –
Center for the Study of Sexualities*

Yuan Chen
*Ludwig Maximilians Universität
Intercultural Communication*
Final Dissertation Project: “Western Media Bias,
Chinese Image and Activism”
Boston College

Marialuisa Miraglia
*Università degli Studi di Padova
Languages for International Communication
and Cooperation*
Final Dissertation Project: “Apartheid
in the Republic of Kosovo”
Columbia University, The Harriman Institute

Eleonora Delpozzo
*Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
Archaeology*
Final Dissertation Project: “Digital Archaeology”
Duke University, Department of Visual Studies



Thematic Programs & Focus Areas

In 2016 the Board of Directors approved the transformation of TEN and TeDIS Centers into “VIU Programs” which are now defined as: *TEN Program on Sustainability, TeDIS Program on Innovation.*

Furthermore, a new thematic program on *Ageing* was established in 2016, led by former Dean, Prof. Agar Brugiavini.

The goal is to have such programs fully integrated in VIU’s core activities, so that they may further promote and develop the connections within the VIU community and maximize the pooling of knowledge capital across all VIU activities.

TeDIS Program on Innovation

TeDIS carries out training and research in the field of Innovation and Competitiveness in the Global Economy with particular attention to globalization processes of the world economy.

TeDIS is conceived as:

- _ a research context, being an active partner with respect to specific requests received from firms and public and private institutions.*
- _ a cultural and training context, proposing events and meetings.*

TeDIS contributes in particular to the following

VIU Focus Areas:

- _ Sustainable Logistics*
- _ Creativity Design and Innovation*
- _ Innovation in Public Administration*



Sustainable Logistics

The research focuses on transport, logistics and supply chain management both in local contexts and the global economy and aims at identifying new opportunities of economic growth at local and international levels based on innovative logistics services. The competitiveness of companies depends on their ability to generate value for customers and markets. Logistics can represent for SMEs a strategic leverage to compete on a global scale since it can ensure the delocalisation of production phases, higher services standards and closer relationships between enterprises and customers and suppliers. Value-creating activities are linked to the organization of integrated networks which depends on the planning, management and control of efficient and effective supply chains and logistics and transport systems. The interconnection of SMEs to logistic networks is fundamental in order to compete in terms of costs and service quality; SMEs need to be equipped with logistic interfaces that can reduce the information gap between them and specialized logistic operators. Competitiveness is determined by supply chains rather than single companies. The research develops knowledge and original and innovative approaches and methodologies which are the result of a clear-cut process of assessment of costs and benefits.

This area is developed in accordance with the EU 2020 Strategy and benefits from European funding programs. The aim is to provide innovative solutions and policy guidance for sustainable logistics that have become strategic for the competitiveness and success of productive and economic systems at any territorial level. An international network of researchers and institutions develop projects in the field of transport, logistics and supply chain management and involve countries of the so-called European MacroRegions; trans-national geographical areas, such as the Adriatic and Ionian, Alpine, Baltic Sea and Danube regions.

NOVELOG: NEW COOPERATIVE BUSINESS MODELS AND GUIDANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS

Novelog is a triennial project (2015-2018) funded by the Horizon 2020 program. The scope of the project is to enable knowledge of freight distribution by providing guidance for implementing effective and sustainable policies and measures.

The partnership is led by the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas of the Hellenic Institute of Transport and includes 26 partners from 10 European countries: United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Denmark and Sweden.

www.novelog.eu

Creativity and Innovation

Creativity design and Innovation are key elements for sustaining the competitive advantages of firms in a global economy. The growing demand for innovative products that respond to the discerning consumer's desire for aesthetics and quality has put creativity and design at the forefront as new drivers of innovative products and services. Italian companies that have been able to create a new link between craftsmanship and industrial production have become more competitive, especially those producing *Made in Italy* wares, such as the luxury sectors of fashion and design. The Italian know-how has become the cornerstone for Italian growth.

A network of researchers from VIU member universities has involved SMEs in projects aimed at raising their awareness of how creativity and innovation may be the key to economic growth.

TeDIS research has two main perspectives:

_ Territory and industrial Districts: identifying the key factors that can sustain and foster the transformation of Italian industrial districts from manufacturing to creative clusters and how being part of a district can guarantee a competitive advantage to firms

_ Firms and networks of firms: processes and strategies that firms put in place in order to innovate their products by investing in design and creativity. Innovation is the result of complex activities taking place inside single firms as well as in networks of firms. The research addresses how firms create value by using design and creativity to sustain product innovation.

This group contributes regularly (since 2008) to discussions related to craftsmanship, design, globalization of SMEs, competitiveness on the www.firstdraft.it blog (in Italian).

MAKER FAIRE ROME – THE EUROPEAN EDITION

For the third year, TeDIS received a commission of Innova Camera (Rome Chamber of Commerce) to contribute to the dissemination and supporting activities of the *Maker Faire*, specifically:

_ call for schools: identify and promote the best innovation projects developed by national and European high schools related to teaching technology.

_ new manufacturing: identification and selection of manufacturing SMEs that have renewed their processes and products with new technologies thereby enhancing their manufacturing capabilities.

Innovation in Public Administration

This branch of research analyzes the role of Information and Communication Technologies in supporting strategies and activities of the public institutions and how they can sustain relations among different institutions and the dialogue and interaction with citizens, enterprises and associations.

It includes the following topics:

e-government

focusing on strategies, models and actions related to the introduction and expansion of ICT in order to improve the activities of public sector organizations, to evolve processes, connecting different organizations and users.

e-democracy

focusing on strategies that can facilitate citizen participation in political and administrative issues.

technologies and new communication

models for culture and tourism

supporting public institutions in the analysis and implementation of new models and innovative strategies of enhancement and communication of cultural heritage and of touristic resources based on ICT and new media.

ENGINEERING LTD AND TeDIS HAS ESTABLISHED A CONTINUOUS COOPERATION

TeDIS has an ongoing cooperation agreement with Engineering LTD and the Veneto Region to analyze and develop innovative service models to be developed on a local level within the framework of the EU Digital Agenda, including:

fab lab

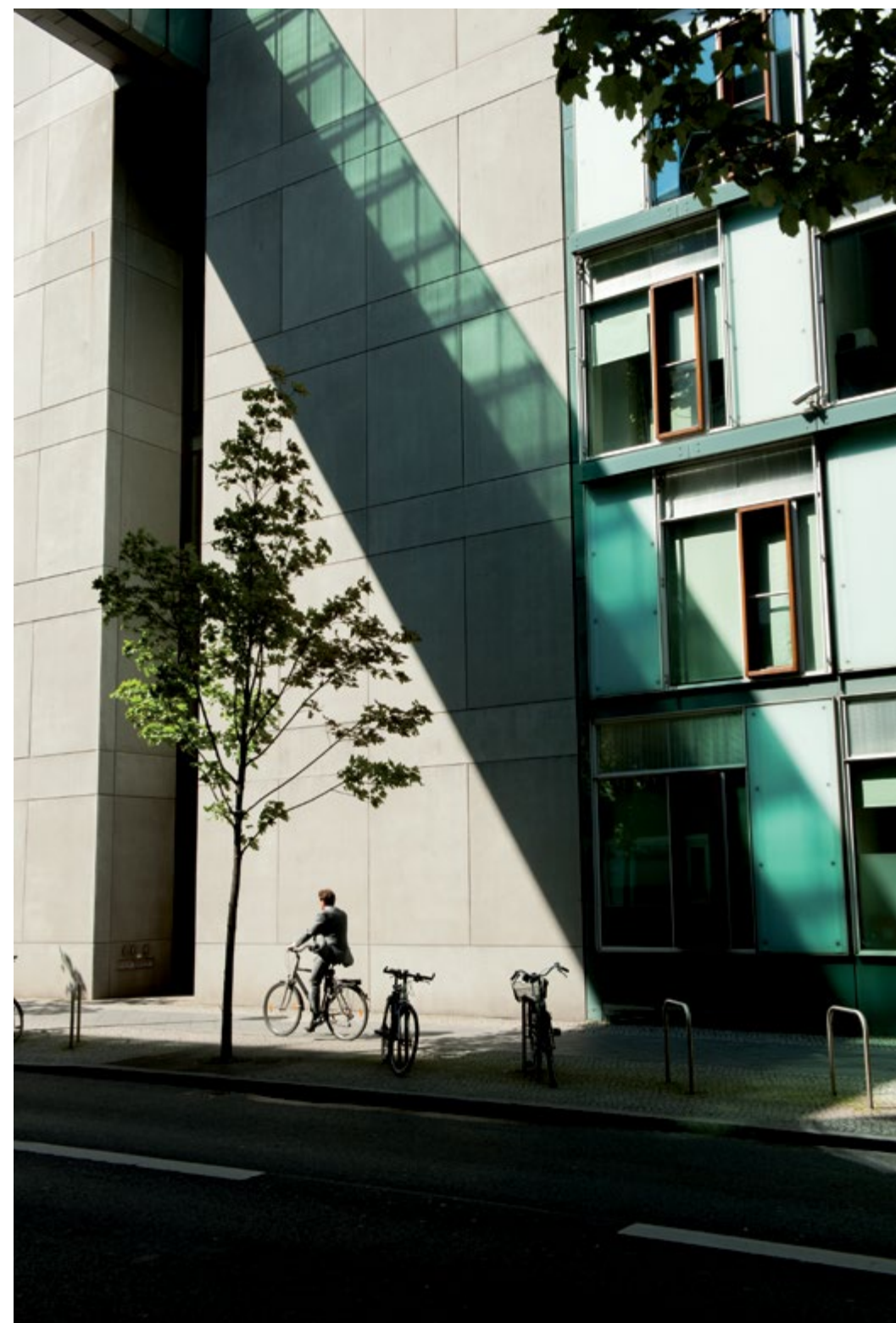
analysis and development of open labs on digital manufacturing.

open wifi

operational planning for expansion of open wifi .

broadband

analysis of broadband evolution in relation to the operative National Plan for fiber optic communication.



TEN Program

The Thematic Environmental Networks (TEN) Program of VIU carries out training and research activities in the field of sustainable development with particular attention to emerging economies. The TEN Program is conceived as a knowledge-sharing platform for competent authorities in the field of Sustainability and has developed an international network of more than 500 experts with different backgrounds and competencies, to promote collaboration among Academia, Government and Enterprise. Capacity building, stakeholders' engagement, dissemination and networking are its core activities, approached through a participatory and learning-by-doing methodology.



Environmental Management and Urban Sustainability

Today we are facing important global challenges, in terms of climate change, political transitions, population increase, energy access, health issues that pose Security at the center of a common reflection.

Green & Circular Economy

In a Green Economy the reduction of the environmental impact of business enterprises results in economic advantages for the companies themselves. The identification of the factors that push firms to develop such strategies is a fundamental step to further promote green economics and to move our society toward a Circular Economy.

Environmental Security

The environmental, social and economic pillars are the framework of sustainable development. In order to preserve the environment and guarantee the needs of future generations, environmental management needs to combine several aspects such as waste management, water quality, air monitoring pollution prevention, sustainable agriculture, energy & energy efficiency, mobility, urban development, both at a global and local scale.

In 2016, the principal topics emerging in TEN's projects were Waste, Water & Air Management, Circular Economy, Sustainable Development Goals and Food Security. Many projects and initiatives are cross-cutting and interdisciplinary, drawing on experience and expertise across different Focus Areas.

TEN's contribution to VIU's Academic Programs

The TEN Program offers scientific support to VIU's Academic Programs in which environment and sustainable development are key elements of discussion.

Framing Global Change and Green Economy in the Sustainable Development Goals
September 12-16, 2016
(Graduate Seminar)

Responsible Capitalism: Strategy, Governance and Finance
June 5-9, 2016
(Summer School)

Field Experiments in Environmental and Resource Economics,
June 26-July 2, 2016
(Summer School)

Environmental Management in a Changing World: Coping with Sea Level Rise
11-23 July, 2016
(Summer School)

International Networks

The TEN Program supports and facilitates VIU's participation in a number of international networks related to sustainable development.

UN SDSN – Sustainable Development Solutions Network,
including SDSN Mediterranean Regional Center and SDSN Italy

UN Global Compact and Global Compact Network Italy Foundation
In 2016 Dean of VIU, Carlo Giupponi was elected to the Board of the Global Compact Network Italy Foundation.

Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (AsviS)



Training & Projects in 2016

SINO-ITALIAN ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Program continued with success in 2016, and is carried out in the framework of the Sino-Italian Cooperation Program of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (SICP). The Chinese institutions participating in the 2016 training courses were:

Municipality of Beijing

(BMEP - Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau)

Municipality of Shanghai

(SEPB - Shanghai Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau)

Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP)

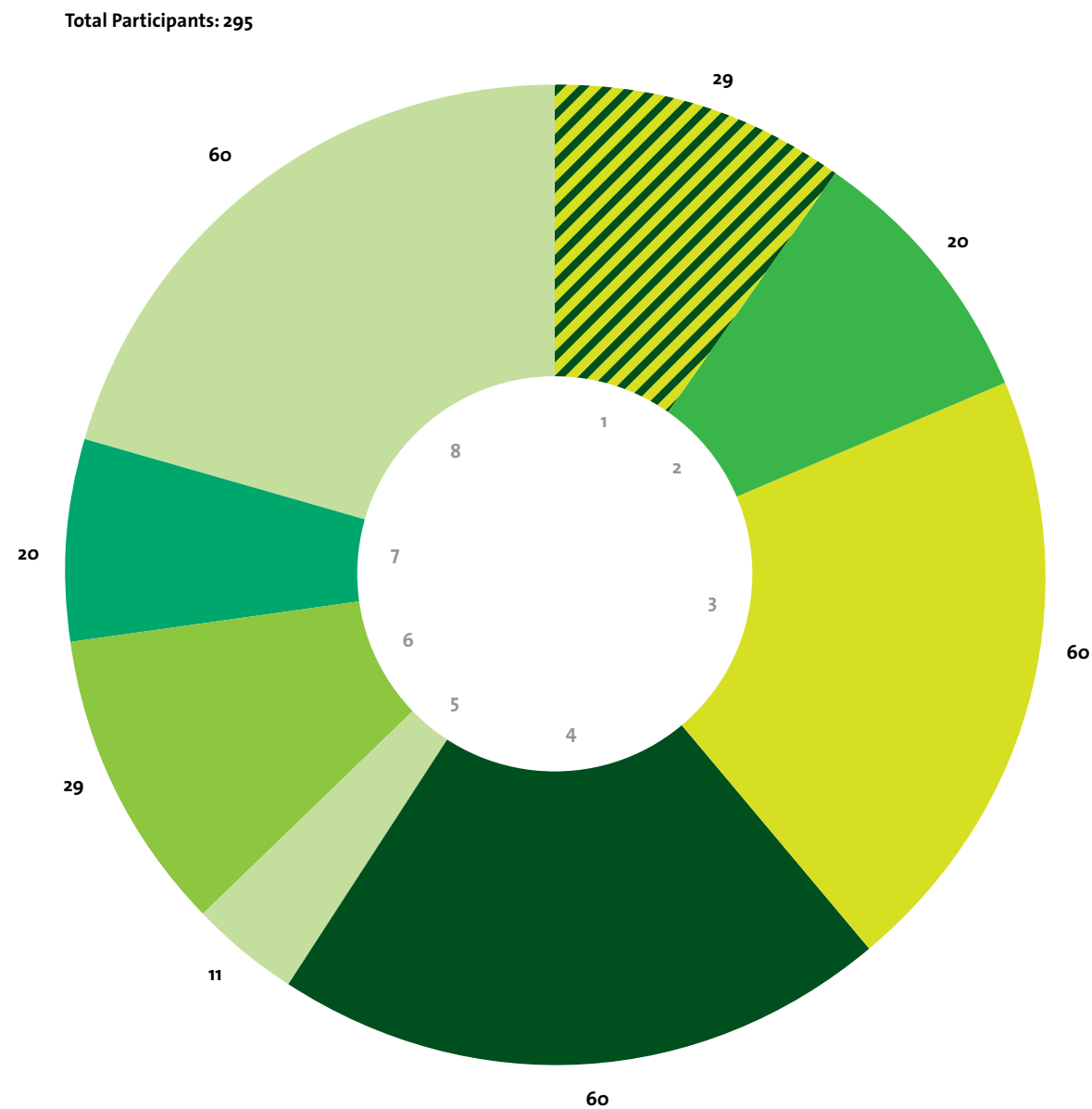
Chinese Ministry of Industry and Innovation Technology (MIIT)

National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)

Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

The capacity building program is addressed to Chinese policy-makers and experts according to a consolidated teaching methodology that promotes active participation through discussion of case studies and best practice with Italian experts selected by VIU from academia, government and the private sector.

In 2016 the program involved 289 Chinese participants in 5 sessions in Italy and 3 in China (Beijing and Shanghai). It mainly focused on Water Management, Pollution Control, Sustainable Urban Development, Energy Efficiency, Innovation and Climate Change, as illustrated:



	Delegation	Course	General Schedule	Participants
1	BMEPB and SEPB	Water and Ecological Management	May 8th – 18th 2016, Italy	29
2	MEP	Soil Pollution and Prevention and Control	June 26th – July 9th 2016, Italy	20
3	BMEPB Beijing	Environmental Management in Cities	November 2016, Beijing	60
4	SEPB Shanghai	Environmental Management in Cities	November 2016, Shanghai	60
5	MIIT	Industrial Energy Efficiency	July 17th – 30th 2016, Italy	11
6	NDRC	Capacity Building on Climate Change	September 11th – 24 2016, Italy	29
7	MOST	Innovative Small and Medium Enterprises	October 16th – 28th 2016, Italy	20
8	MIIT Beijing	Industrial Energy Efficiency	November 3rd 2016, Beijing	60

EU-CHINA LEVER FOR IPM DEMONSTRATION (EUCLID)

On September 8-9, 2016, VIU hosted the first annual meeting of the EUCLID project. EUCLID is a four-year Research and Innovation Action funded by the European Commission under Horizon 2020 (2015-2019). The overall objective is to secure food production for the increasing worldwide population while developing sustainable production methodologies to fight pests with an Integrated Pest Management approach (IPM), to be used in European and Chinese agriculture.

EUCLID in numbers:
18 partners, 7 countries, 9 enterprises (4 SMEs)
www.euclidipm.org

In the framework of the EUCLID project, VIU is leader of the dissemination work package which also includes consultation with policymakers, and carries out research on the socio-economic aspects related to consumer behavior and business plans (in cooperation with Ca' Foscari University of Venice).



REMEDIATION OF OLD LANDFILLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND FINAL SINK (ROLES)

The ROLES project aims to advance scientific research and technology related to old landfill remediation by using modern concepts such as environmental sustainability, stabilization and immobilization of long impacting hazardous substances, final sinks for elements and recovery of resources. Experimental lab tests will be developed in both countries and a demonstrative full experiment will be carried out in China.

The ROLES project is funded by the Governments of Italy and China (MIUR – MOST) in the framework of the Italy-China projects of particular relevance 2016-2018 (*Progetto Grande Rilevanza Italia-Cina*).

Scientific Director for Italy: Prof. Raffaello Cossu, Università di Padova, Dep. Industrial Engineering
Scientific Director for China: Prof. Yue Dongbei, Tsinghua University, School of Environment.



Workshops & Events in 2016

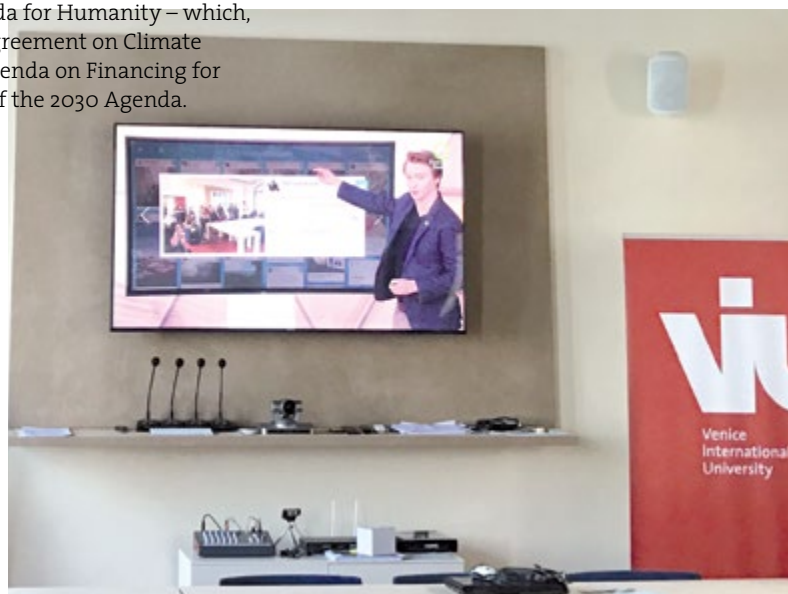
PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 ISTANBUL WEC – WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL

On January 28, 2016, VIU hosted a presentation from the Turkish Organizing Committee of the 23rd World Energy Congress Istanbul (October 9-13, 2016). The theme of the 2016 Congress was “Embracing New Frontiers” and for the first time it offered an academic session with an international call for papers on a wide range of energy issues. The presentation by Prof. Ahmet Dursun Alkan and Dr. Vahit Çalı ır gathered at VIU representatives of academia and the business sector in order to disseminate this important opportunity to Italian experts.

VIU AT THE UN PRIVATE SECTOR FORUM, NEW YORK

On September 19, 2016 Venice International University, represented by the Dean, Prof. Carlo Giupponi, participated in the UN Private Sector Forum organized at the UN headquarters in New York.

In 2016 the Forum focused on the role of business in advancing sustainable development to prevent global instability. Hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the Forum was organized in collaboration with the Co-Chairs of the United Nations High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly to address *Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants*. With the theme of *Business and the 2030 Agenda: Securing the Way Forward*, the Private Sector Forum highlighted important connections between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the new Agenda for Humanity – which, together with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Action Agenda on Financing for Development, are pillars of the 2030 Agenda.



VIU AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, NEW YORK

Dean Carlo Giupponi represented VIU at the *Fourth Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development* held on September 21-22, 2016 in New York. The aim of the annual conference is to identify and share practical, evidence-based solutions that can support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2016 conference theme was *Moving Forward: The SDGs in Practice*.

VIU AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN ROME

On November 22, 2016 VIU participated in the National Conference on Environmental Education jointly promoted by the Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea (IMELS) and the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research (MIUR). The meeting, hosted at the MAXXI Museum in Rome, shows a new attention of the Italian Government towards promoting Environmental Education at all levels, and integrating it in the national curriculum in schools.

24 HOURS OF REALITY: THE ROAD FORWARD: VIU WATCH PARTY IS ON AIR!

VIU in support of Al Gore’s *The Climate Reality* Foundation hosted a Watch Party on Dec. 6 2016 for this global event: a day of action to address Climate Change worldwide. In a 24-hour live broadcast the program highlighted the top 24 carbon dioxide emitting countries, with the help of influential artists, scientists, thought leaders, and policy makers. In each country profile Al Gore and his team illustrated what is being done, and what can be done, to reduce the emissions. The VIU Watch party was a real success, engaging a lot of VIU students: as a result VIU’ twitter feed was featured live in the 24 Hours of Reality studio!

ITALIAN BUSINESS & SDGs 1ST ANNUAL FORUM (FONDAZIONE GLOBAL COMPACT ITALIA)

On 26 September, 2016 the first edition of the Italian Business & SDGs Annual Forum was held at VIU. The Forum was promoted by the Global Compact Network Italy Foundation with the collaboration of VIU and the support of FriulAdria and Edison SpA. The meeting was an important opportunity for a multi-stakeholder discussion on the role that the private sector is called upon to play in support of the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030.



Ageing Program

The VIU Program on Ageing was founded in 2016 to promote training and dissemination activities on interdisciplinary aspects of population ageing and it aims to share knowledge and research results among graduate students, PhD students, post-doc researchers, professionals and the general population.

The VIU Ageing Program stems from the cooperation of VIU with the CNR – Aging Centre (Progetto invecchiamento) of Padua and the University of Padua (Department of Economics and the Medical School).

The mission of the program is to further the understanding of the ageing process in an interdisciplinary perspective, referring to the various domains such as economics, health sciences and sociology, in order to meet the challenges of demographic and societal changes in Europe and in the rest of the World.

Activities will include: Academic courses (primarily the Summer Institute on Ageing), Research projects, Professional training courses (in cooperation with EICA – European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing) and conferences.

Activities in 2016

SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AGEING

June 6-10, 2016
(4th edition)

This activity was the first initiative of VIU to address the issue of Ageing populations, and is the foundation of the more articulated Ageing Program.

The Summer Institute provides students and early researchers with a multidisciplinary and rigorous understanding of the ageing process, ranging from some basic notions of the medical and epidemiological literature, to an extensive treatment of economics (pensions and retirement, ageing in society and intergenerational relationships) and social sciences (role of family networks). The program also addresses ICT, domotics and intelligent homes as a means to cope with ageing.

Refer to VIU Academic Programs for further details.

EUROPEAN ACADEMY FOR MEDICINE OF AGEING (EAMA)

June 20-24, 2016

The European Academy for Medicine of Ageing is an Advanced Postgraduate Course in Geriatrics. The program aims to increase scientific, clinical, educational and managerial competences in medical gerontology.

In June 2016 Venice International University hosted the last session of the 9th edition of the EAMA Postgraduate Course In Geriatrics that gathers 25 attendants from all over Europe. This intensive study course composed of four sessions is addressed to faculty members of departments of geriatrics and academic teachers planning a career in geriatrics or in medical gerontology. The course is also open to junior potential academic staff working in other fields (internal medicine, sub-specialties, biology) involving the ageing process and care of elderly people.

EFFECTIVE CARE OF OLDER PATIENTS WITH SWALLOWING DIFFICULTIES (PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSE)

May 18-20, 2016

This 2nd EICA transnational teaching activity focused on “Effective care of older patients with swallowing difficulties” reviewed the evidence-based role of nutrition in older adults with swallowing difficulties .

The aim of the course is to educate early-career clinicians on state-of-the-art methods to expand their expertise on effective care strategies for older patients with swallowing difficulties. Beyond practical training, the Course is instrumental for participants to strengthen their clinical skills and collaborative network, providing a springboard to future leadership in the field of dysphagia.

The course gathered 45 participants from 20 different countries and was awarded with 12 credits from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

This Course was organized by the European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing (EICA), with collaboration of the European Society for Swallowing Disorders (ESSD) and the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS). The main partner of the training was Nestlé Health Science.

EUROPEAN INTERDISCIPLINARY COUNCIL ON AGEING (EICA)

EICA is the first scientific organization in Europe specifically fostering the translation and dissemination of results from ageing research to various professional groups, policy makers, advanced education programs and the general public. Healthy and active ageing has turned out as being a cross cutting issue and also a major concern for individuals, health professionals and policy makers alike. Health in old age, and the maintenance of an active and independent life style is a high goal for each of us, but also contributes, for example, to economic prosperity through improving work participation, civil engagement and productivity making it crucial in the context of an ageing society and longer working lives.

The core motivation of EICA is therefore to put an interdisciplinary focus on daily life related questions concerning ageing, health and care and to foster adequate research, research analyses, education strategies and knowledge translation programs in Europe.

EICA is based at Venice International University and concentrates its activities on the San Servolo Island campus.

The VIU Ageing Program fosters and supports EICA in the organization of professional training activities.



VIULife

Lectiones Magistrales

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SPRING 2016 TERM February 18, 2016

Leading the energy transition:
integrating sustainability into
a “progressive” business model

Dr. Andrea Valcalda
Head of Sustainability, Enel SpA

Fusion: Energy for tomorrow,
opportunities for today

Prof. Piero Martin
*Department of Physics and Astronomy,
Università degli Studi di Padova*

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FALL 2016 TERM September 7, 2016

Venice, a Cosmopolitan City.
The Places of the Minorities
and the Jewish Ghetto

Prof. Donatella Calabi
*Director of the Scientific Committee
for the Quincentennial of the institution
of the Ghetto of Venice and curator
of the exhibition “Venice, the Jews and Europe
1516-2016”.*



VIULectures

VIU organizes a lecture series each year in which international guest speakers debate interesting, topical issues. These events are held in English and are open to the public.

THE ARAB UPRISINGS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS April 20, 2016

Mounia Bennani-Chraïbi
Université de Lausanne

SPECTACULAR RUINS: PHOTOGRAPHY AS CULTURAL NARRATIVE May 2, 2016

Miles Orvell
Temple University, Philadelphia

THE MYTH OF HUMANITARIANISM: MIGRANT DESERVINGNESS AND NEOLIBERAL REASON October 10, 2016 VIULecture 2|16

Sébastien Chauvin
Université de Lausanne

BOREDOM AND VENICE November 23, 2016 VIULecture 2|16

Mariusz Finkielsztein
University of Warsaw



Co-curricular Program



The program offers students the opportunity to discover and relate to the city of Venice, the lagoon and the Veneto region, taking teaching out of the classroom and in to the field, and creating opportunities for students to socialize with their peers.

HIGHLIGHTS

A site visit to the Industrial Port of Venice and the Mose, the system of mobile dams under construction in the Venice lagoon to defend the city from flooding, emphasized how environmental setting, urban morphology, political institutions, economic and social life of the city of Venice must be considered in large-scale projects of this type.

Field trip to Florence for a special tour of the Uffizi Gallery together with Dr. Annarita Paolieri. The trip was connected to the supplementary art seminar “Introduction to Italian Renaissance Painting”.

A site visit to the Palladian Villas located in the so-called “Riviera del Brenta” gave students the chance to see with their own eyes the architectural features created in the mainland by Andrea Palladio, the architect of the Venetian Republic.

Venice Universities’ Model United Nations – VeUMUN. Thanks to the collaboration with Università Ca’ Foscari and the Venice Diplomatic Society, VIU students had the chance to take part in a three-day simulation of the United Nations work sessions. The activity was coordinated by Prof. Sara De Vido.

Venice Architecture Biennale 2016. Site visits to Giardini and Arsenale for a guided tour of the 15th International Architecture Exhibition entitled REPORTING FROM THE FRONT. A guest lecture within the framework of the course “Economics and Management of the Arts” by Prof. Bruno Bernardi in collaboration with Professor Olga Zinovieva, Lomonosov Moscow State University, titled “Lomonosov Moscow State University Public Spaces, Museums and Festivals: Urban Perspectives” was held in the premises of the Sale d’Armi at Arsenale. A special meeting with the curator of the exhibition displayed at the Russian Pavilion, Arch. Sergey Kuznetsov, took place in the Russian Pavilion at Giardini.

“China’s Possible Futures: Independent Cinema and Hong Kong” cinema and human rights event jointly organized by VIU, EIUC-European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization and Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia. The program of the event included two film screenings and panel discussions.

Autonomous Activities of Member Universities

LMU INTENSIVE SEMINARS

The following seminars (for students) were held at VIU in collaboration with Ludwig Maximilians Universität in 2016:

Concepts of prose and prose fiction

February 14-17

Prof. Dr. Annegret Heitmann
LMU, Institut für Nordische Philologie

Organizational Development: Theory and Practice

March 14-18

Prof. Dr. Felix Brodbeck
LMU, Dept. of Psychology

Dipl. Psych. Tom Schiebler
LMU, Dept. of Psychology

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LMU, M. Sc., Dept. of Psychology

Coaching in complex systems

May 9-13

Prof. Mechthild Schäfer
LMU, Dept. of Psychology

Ass. Klaus Starch
LMU, Dept. of Psychology

Cyber Law

May 16-20

Prof. Dr. Johannes Hager
LMU, Dept. of Law

Polysemy: Concept Networks and Constructions

May 30 – June 3

Prof. Dr. Dietmar Zaefferer
LMU, Institute of Theoretical Linguistics and MCMF

Dr. Andrea Schalley
School of Languages and Linguistics,
Griffith University

What is Metaphysics?

September 19-24

Prof. Dr. Axel Hutter
LMU, Faculty of Philosophy,
Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion

Social Choice Theory and its Philosophical Applications

October 10-14

PD Dr. Martin Rechenauer
LMU, Faculty of Philosophy,
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Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann
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Mapping and experience. Travelers, geographers and cartographers in the Late Middle Ages

October 31 – November 4

Prof. Dr. Oliver Jens Schmitt
University of Vienna, Institute for Eastern
European History

Prof. Dr. Claudia Märkl
LMU, Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Equality and Justice

November 7-11

Dr. Christine Bratu
LMU, Faculty of Philosophy,
Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion

Dr. phil. Jan-Christoph Heilinger
LMU, Munich Center for Ethics

Dr. med. Verina Wild
LMU, Faculty of Philosophy,
Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion

The Stones of Venice and The Seven Lamps of Architecture: Ruskin, Marcel Proust, Thomas Mann and Visconti

November 28 – December 2

Prof. Dr. Barbara Vinken
LMU, Institut für Romanische Philologie

Sacrifice across Cultures

December 6–10

Prof. em. Dr. Ulrich Berner
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DUKE IN VENICE SUMMER PROGRAM

for undergraduate students of Duke University

May 24 – June 25

Cities and City Life in Italy: The Myth of Venice

Valeria Finucci

UNIVERSITÉ DE LAUSANNE

Ancient and Modern Languages of the Orient

August 4-14, 2016

Prof. David Hamidovic

Faculty of Theology and Religions

Languages offered: Akkadian, Classical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, Aramaic, classical Arabic, modern Arabic, old Persian, Persian, Armenian, Georgian, Coptic, classical Ethiopian, Syriac, Old Church Slavonic.

BOSTON COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

for undergraduate students of Boston College

May 30 – June 24

Drawings from the Venetian Masters

Prof. Alston Conley

The Imaginary City: Why Writers Love Venice

Prof. Kevin Newmark

Introduction to Law and the Legal Process

Prof. Richard Powers

TONGJI UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS STUDY TOUR

July 9-15 and August 8 – August 12, 2016

UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI VENEZIA ADVANCED SEMINAR IN THE HUMANITIES 2015-2016

Literature and Culture in the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece, Rome, and the Near East
October 15-21, 2016

This advanced seminar is a two-year commitment for selected scholars in the Humanities, focusing on the origins and development of literary genres and literacy in Ancient Greece, Rome, and the Near East.

The aim of the program is firstly to investigate the relationship between themes, motifs and structures of the texts and/or of the myths involved, starting with the early examples of epic poetry and of wisdom and didactic literature; secondly to examine the processes involved in their transmission and preservation in both oral and written forms. A variety of issues concerning the history of literate cultures will also be reviewed, such as, for example, the textual traditions, the creation and organization of libraries, the classification of genres, and the relationship between literature and politics, and between literature and religion.

During the first session (November 23- December 4, 2015) the fellows identified a research project according to their scholarly interests and under the supervision of the faculty. The research projects were presented in the second session of the seminar (14-22 October 2016).

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Since 2010 VIU and Europelago have been jointly managing the Euro-Project Training Center which promotes training activities in the field of EU projects and financial and operational management of EU funded projects. Europelago Foundation supported by AICCRE, the Italian section of CEMR - Council of European Municipalities and Regions, has been collaborating for many years with VIU in promoting advanced training programs on topics related to European integration.

Core courses are offered recurrently during each year together with other training initiatives that are specifically designed on a request basis.

Core courses

Official AICCRE Advanced Training Course in EU Project Management

The Official Advanced Training Course, which includes a classroom phase followed by personalised project work, offers complete, up-to-date training on European project management. It allows the student to acquire the techniques and methods that are essential for drawing up and presenting projects, with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of the offers made within the scope of the EU calls for proposal

European Project Management Course

The Course addresses issues related to the management and reporting of a European project, while offering an overview of the entire procedure that the beneficiaries follow throughout the life of the project, from planning to monitoring activities, from managing partnerships to the final report, and offers all the tools they may need to overcome any difficulties that may be encountered.

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1. **25-29 January 2016**
Master class in European Project Development & Management
No. participants 47

2. **11-15 April 2016**
Advanced Course in Project Management for European funded projects
No. participants 11

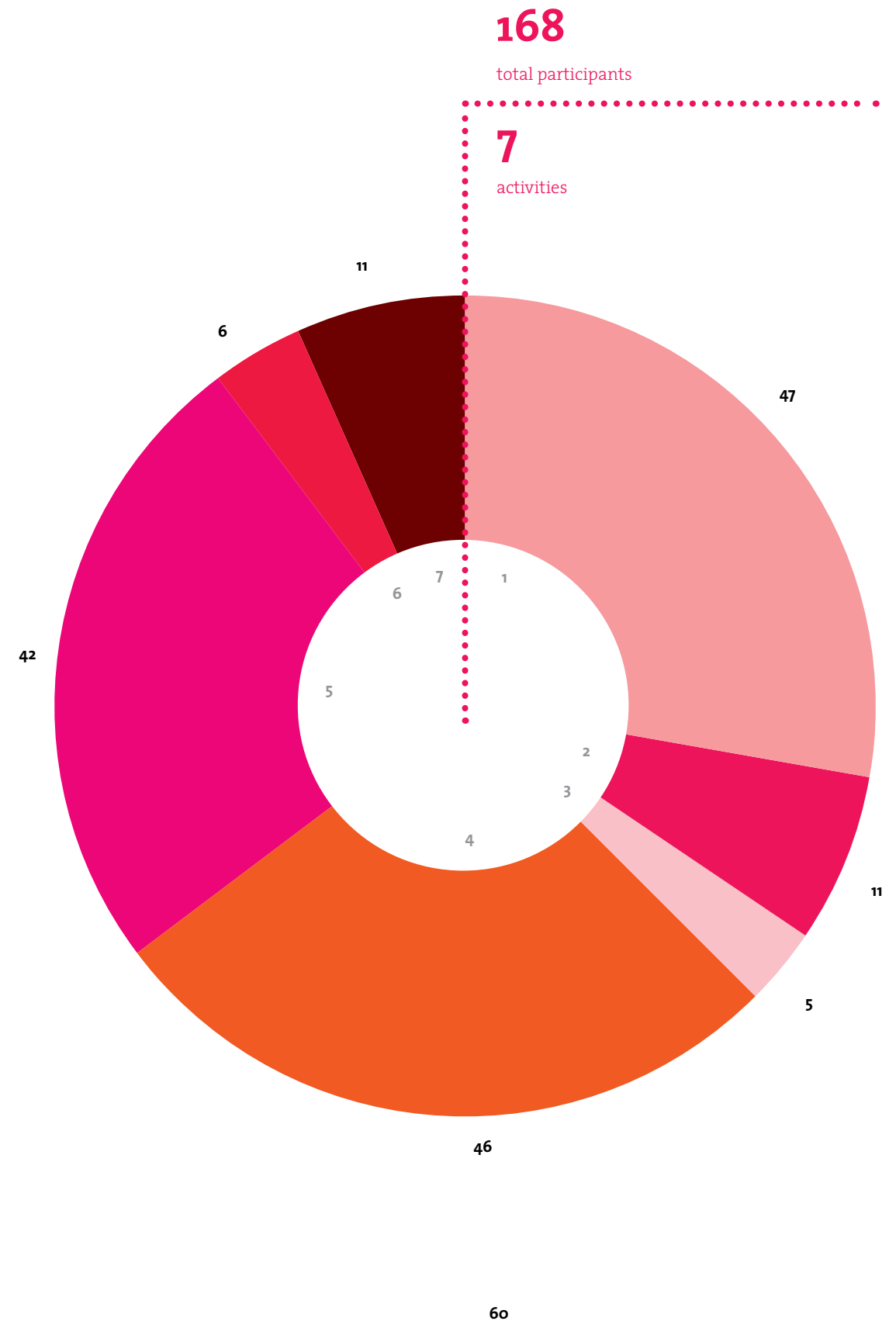
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CourseLab in European Project Development & Management
No. participants 5

13-17 June 2016
Master class in European Project Development & Management
No. participants 46

17-21 October 2016
Master class in European Project Development & Management
No. participants 42

7-8 November & 5-6 December 2016
CourseLab in European Project Development & Management
No. participants 6

12-16 December 2016
Advanced Course in Project Management for European funded projects
No. participants 11



**Conferences
hosted by VIU**

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January 3-9, 2016

Winter School on Patterns of Vegetation in Water Controlled Ecosystems

Università degli Studi di Padova

February 1-2, 2016

EduOpen Meeting

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

February 16-17, 2016

AquaSpace 1st Annual Meeting | Ecosystem Approach to making Space for Aquaculture

BlueFarm

February 18-19, 2016

Aquaculture Zoning, Site Selection and Area Management

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), European Commission and AquaSpace

March 7-9, 2016

LMU Clinic of Neurology

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

March 13-19, 2016

SIQS Workshop

Institut für Komplexe Quantensysteme (ICQ) Universität Ulm

March 17, 2016

QUTE Europe Project Review

Institute of Physics, Slovak Academy of Sciences

April 12-13, 2016

Confidence Building Measures

Council of Europe

April 27-29, 2016

IISES 23rd International Academic Conference

International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences (IISES)

May 2-6, 2016

Workshop on "Challenges in High-Dimensional Analysis and Computation"

Université Pierre & Marie Curie

June 15-17, 2016

LMU Cardiology

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

June 27-July 1, 2016

Nuspin Workshop

Università degli Studi di Padova

July 10-22, 2016

Brain Exploration and Epilepsy Surgery

International School of Neurological Sciences in Venice (ISNV)

July 10-16, 2016

5th Venice International School on Lasers in Material Sciences

International School on Lasers in Materials Science

July 18-23, 2016

CESifo Venice Summer Institute 2016

CESifo Group Munich

July 23-27, 2016

LMU Annual Meeting

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

July 31-August 3, 2016

EFIL Volunteer Summer Summit

European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)

August 14-20, 2016

Venice HOVO Amsterdam

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

September 15-18, 2016

LMU Mastercourse

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

September 18-23, 2016

LMU Musicology

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

September 19-23, 2016

CeNS Workshop: Nanoscale Matter – Novel Concepts and Functions

LMU Center for NanoScience

September 23-October 8, 2016

Palladio Program

September 25-29, 2016

SFB863

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

September 27-30, 2016

LMU Biochemistry

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

September 28-October 4, 2016

GSN Workshop: Memory Consolidation

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

October 7, 2016

Unrest in Venice. Popular Politics

in an Aristocratic Republic

University of Amsterdam and Université de Toulouse/Labex SMS

October 8-10, 2016

Myth in Venice: meeting of the Network

for the Study of Archaic and Classical Greek Song

October 10-13, 2016

LMU Media Informatics

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

October 14-16, 2016

LMU Informatik

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

October 24-25, 2016

Programmatic Cooperation Framework

for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic

of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus, Regional

Conference:

"Follow-up to the recommendations

of international Election Observation Missions

in the countries of the Eastern Partnership"

Funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe

October 24-27, 2016

LMU Immunology

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

October 27-30, 2016

EPLAW European Patent Judges Forum

October 27-29, 2016

High-level Seminar on Research Policy:

New Opportunities for University Cooperation

Coimbra Group

October 31-November 4, 2016

Empathy: philosophical and scientific

perspectives

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

November 1-4, 2016

O-MAC Symposium

November 14, 2016

Prevention Prize Award Ceremony

Pompidou Group

November 15, 2016

Pompidou Group Symposium on NPS

Pompidou Group

November 16-17, 2016

79th Permanent Correspondents Plenary meeting

Pompidou Group

November 21-24, 2016

LMU Rational Choice

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

December 6-9, 2016

PATHS Programme

Council of Europe

December 14-16, 2016

15th IEF Conference

International Entrepreneurship Forum

Preview of 2017 activities

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Preview of 2017 activities in chronological order

Academic Programs | Globalization Program | Spring Semester February 20 – June 1, 2017

Semester of courses for Bachelor and Master's students of the member universities, with clusters of courses on Italy, Cultures of the World, and Global Challenges. The Specialization Track of the Spring semester is focused on Environmental Management & Sustainable Development

TEN Program | Conference | Responsible & Sustainable Consumption and Production May 3-5, 2017

The conference aims to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on the latest international business innovation developments in the field of management among researchers and practitioners. The conference is also expected to foster networking, collaboration and joint effort among the conference participants to identify major trends in business decision-making model for responsible consumption and production.

Academic Programs | PhD Academy | Global Challenges Series: WATER May 8-13, 2017

Coordinator:
Alain Boudou,
Université de Bordeaux

This is the first in the Global Challenges Series of VIU International PhD Academies. Each intensive PhD Academy will focus on a major societal challenge faced by humankind today. This first edition relates to the issue of water, addressing different aspects: ecological, eco-toxicological, economical, sociological, cultural, political, juridical, public health, etc. They will be discussed in abundantly illustrated lectures involving real dialogue among participants, round-tables and concrete indoor/on-site examples.

Ageing Program | Conference | Changing the Vaccine Paradigm: Stressing the Importance of adult Immunization May 24-26, 2017

The understanding that vaccinations represent one of the most powerful public health measures preventing disease, disability and mortality must be stressed once more. Irrefutable scientific arguments need to be disclosed to the widest possible political, professional and lay public audiences. Concerted efforts should be made to increase awareness and education around the role of prevention, including immunization, to favor Healthy Aging.

Academic Programs | Summer School | Responsible Capitalism: Micro- and Macro-Institutional Conditions of Transformation May 29 – June 1, 2017

Coordinator:
Guido Palazzo,
Université de Lausanne

In its second edition, the Summer School looks towards a sustainable future by bringing together young scholars from all over the world to discuss their ideas on the future of Capitalism from the microlevel of individual decision-making to the organizational and the societal level. Participants examine recent research from a broad set of disciplines. They will work on their ability to engage in the transdisciplinary discourse which is required for the development of innovative answers to grand sustainability challenges.

Academic Programs | Summer School | Summer Institute on Ageing: Global Ageing, Vulnerability and Disability June 5-10, 2017

Coordinator:
Agar Brugiavini,
VIU & Ca' Foscari

The VIU Summer Institute on Ageing provides participants with a thorough understanding of the ageing process, offering notions of the medical and epidemiological recent literature to the socio-economic advances in this research area; enhances the multidisciplinary approach for researchers who work on ageing; provides “hands on” experience on the micro data-sets; increases the mobility and the inter-connectivity of PhD students, researchers, teaching staff and policy makers, hence favoring the creation of research networks.

Academic Programs | Summer School | Critical Infrastructure Resilience June 26-30, 2017

Coordinator:
Erdem Ergin,
University of TorVergata

In its first edition, the summer school on Critical Infrastructure Resilience brings together academics and professional experts to discuss an emerging topic with a pragmatic and scientific approach. The city of Venice will be used as a case-study and students will learn first-hand how to identify a critical infrastructure, assess its risk, develop resilience strategies and devise ways to apply them. The course consists of a mix of theoretical knowledge, case studies/projects and hands-on exercises, and will provide the participants with tools to analyze a system and its components, to prioritize connectivity, assess risk, and develop resilience strategies. These techniques can be applied to various fields and at various scales, from city scale to a global supply chain.

Academic Programs | Summer School | Macroeconomics, Growth, and the Environment July 2-8, 2017

The summer school is organized in cooperation with the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM). Some of the most pressing environmental and resource problems – including climate change, deforestation, urban air pollution – are closely related to economic growth. Environmental policies have macroeconomic impacts. The aim of the 2017 Summer School is to provide tools and methods to study the intersection between macroeconomics, economic growth, and the environment.

TEN Program | Summer Training Course | Circular Economy: Policies and Practices July 3-5, 2017

This training course is meant to provide civil servants (public administrations) and professionals (utilities and firms) with an overview on the EU Circular Economy policies and practices as well as with a practical guide for their implementation at national, regional and local level. High-level international experts/practitioners will present case studies/best practices related to, among the others: resource management, SME's support, behavioral change, legal and economic instruments.

Academic Programs | Summer School | Oriental Languages
July 6-15 2017

Coordinator:
David Hamidovic,
Université de Lausanne

The summer school is promoted in cooperation : Université de Liege, Université Laval, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia. The intensive program offered by the Summer School in oriental languages (ÜLO) intends to train students from different nationalities in ancient and modern oriental languages (Akkadian, Classical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, Aramaic, classical Arabic, modern Arabic, old Persian, Persian, Armenian, Georgian, Coptic, classical Ethiopian, Syriac, Old Church Slavonic). While it is often difficult to open courses in rare languages at every university, the ÜLO allows the grouping of a sufficient number of students for the opening of such courses.

Academic Programs | Graduate Seminar | Understanding and Managing Climate Change: Coping with Sea Level Rise
July 10-22, 2017

Coordinator:
Sonia Silvestri,
Duke University

The Graduate Seminar gives students a broad perspective on the impact of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise upon coastal areas from the social, economic and environmental points of view. Causes and consequences of global warming, and its impact on the state of the oceans and internal seas will be addressed and discussed, and changes in the hydrological cycle will be examined. Using data and models to explore future scenarios, the impact of sea level rise on coastal morphology, ecosystems, water resources, population and health will be presented and discussed.

Academic Programs | Globalization Program | Fall Semester
September 4 – December 15, 2017

Semester of courses for Bachelor and Master's students of the member universities, with clusters of courses on Italy, Cultures of the World, and Global Challenges. The Specialization Track of the Fall semester is focused on Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to Cultural Heritage.

Academic Programs | PhD Academy | Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Tackle Societal Challenges
September 18-22, 2017

Coordinator:
Prof. Pol Ghesquière,
KU Leuven

The overarching theme of this PhD Academy is the necessity of interdisciplinary research collaboration to tackle major challenges in today's global society. The PhD Academy will allow participants to deepen their knowledge and theoretical understanding as well as to gain hands on experience in developing interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration.

Academic Programs | Autumn School | Republican Political Practices in Medieval Europe
November 11-14, 2017

Scientific coordinator:
Alexei Vovin,
European University at St. Petersburg (EUSP)

The Autumn School focuses on urban and countryside communes, first forms of proto-parliaments (like Etats Généraux in France), Orders of Knighthood, universities and other self-governing and autonomous societies in this period. The main school themes are political practices: public deliberation, voting, selection by lot, direct political participation, as well as republican notions in the texts written before 1500 A.D.: *virtus, res publica, libertas* and *dignitas*. Medieval republicanism will be discussed also in its connection to the past and to the future.

TeDIS Program |Project | Novelog ongoing in 2017

The NOVELOG project focuses on the enabling of knowledge and understanding of freight distribution and service trips by providing guidance for implementing effective and sustainable policies and measures. This guidance will support the choice of the most optimal and applicable solutions for urban freight and service transport and will facilitate stakeholder collaboration and the development, field testing and transfer of best governance and business models.

TEN Program | Project | EUCLID EU-China Lever for IPM Demonstration
Ongoing in 2017

EUCLID is a four-year Research and Innovation Action funded by the European Commission under Horizon 2020. The overall objective is to secure food production for the increasing worldwide population while developing sustainable production methodologies to fight pests with an Integrated Pest Management approach (IPM), to be used in European and Chinese agriculture.

TeDIS Program |Project | Peripheral Access ongoing in 2017

Peripheral areas such as rural, remotely located or border regions make up 93 percent of the EU territory. These scarcely populated regions are all facing similar challenges: poor public transport connections, small budgets, demographic change and high levels of unsustainable, exclusive and costly private car use. Peripheral Access will analyze this situation in detail and derive concrete action plans and implement innovative pilot actions in three fields of action that represent key success factors for sustainable mobility: multimodality and integrated transport; enhanced use of intelligent communication technology and intelligent technology system; and better cooperation through transport associations and cross-border marketing. The results will benefit public transport users, planners and decision makers and will stimulate changes in mobility behavior.

TeDIS Program |Project | SUPAIR – Sustainable Ports in the Adriatic-Ionian Region Starting in 2017

It is a project co-financed by the Adriatic-Ionian Programme INTERREG V-B Transnational 2014-2020. Ports are core nodes for multimodal transport in the Adriatic-Ionian basin and strategic key drivers for economic growth: reducing negative environmental impacts is essential for a sustainable development of the area. The project goal is the reduction of emissions from shipping and on-shore port operations, enhancing port authorities' capacity to plan and implement low-carbon and multimodal transport and mobility solutions.

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