Venice International University  
VIU Graduate Seminar  
Defining the Human in Environmental Humanities  

June 6-11, 2022

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General schedule:
Morning: 9:15-13:00  
Mid-morning break: 10:45-11:00  
Lunch break: 13:00-14:15  
Afternoon: 14:15-17:30*  
*The end of the sessions could be extended, if necessary.

Day 1 | Monday, June 6

9:15 Welcome coffee and registration

10:00 Lecture 1  
“Human/Humanist”  
(Professor Beth Kowaleski Wallace, Boston College)

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

14:15-16:30 Small groups/guided discussion

Students present themselves and students get into smaller groups to explain the nature of their research and to learn a little about each other. How is the “human” defined and understood in the context of various disciplines? Where are the similarities and differences? How do the disciplines begin to speak to each other?

Day 2 | Tuesday, June 7

9:15 Lecture 2

The Partisan Woman at the Edge of the Water: Re-Reading a Venetian Monument  
(Professor Shaul Bassi, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
13:00-14:15    Lunch break

Afternoon:  ON SITE ACTIVITY in Venice (Lagoon trip)

Day 3 | Wednesday, June 8

9:15      Lecture 3
“Who is the “Anthropos”? Defining the Agency of Humans and Non-humans in the Anthropocene?”
(Professor Helmut Trischler, Rachel Carson Center, LMU)

13:00-14:15    Lunch break

Afternoon:  ON SITE ACTIVITY in Venice (tbd)

Day 4 | Thursday, June 9

Full Day  Visit to the 59th International Art Exhibition “The Milk of Dreams”

10:00-11:30   Guided tour (Giardini)

Lunch break

14:00-16:00   Workshop Session at the Biennale

Please note: some conference participants may choose to join us today.

Day 5 | Friday, June 10

9:15      All Day – Conference with scheduled panels and speakers, including a select group from the seminar
Detailed Schedule to be defined

16:00      Keynote Address
(Professor Serenella Iovino, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Day 6 | Saturday 11 June

Morning   Conference

Further information about the Conference: