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# The State of the Art of Area Studies (SAAS)

**Venice International University  
June 13-17, 2022**

## Faculty

- Professor William Gallois, University of Exeter
- Professor Matteo Legrenzi, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Professor Gareth Stansfield, University of Exeter
- Professor Giovanni Zanalda, Duke University

## Guest Speakers

- Professor Lisa Anderson, Columbia University and former President of the American University in Cairo - *online*
- Professor Sara Curran, University of Washington
- Professor Tim Niblock, University of Exeter

## Agenda

### Pre-workshop

Establishment of SAAS website with bios of faculty and student participants

**Moodle** populated with suggested readings

### Monday 13 June

#### Day 1 – The Purpose of Area Studies

<b>9:00-9.15</b>	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
<b>9.15-9.40</b>	Opening and Introduction: practicalities, transportation, energy efficiency
<b>9.40-12.30</b>	Presentation of pre-circulated papers by graduate attendees, followed by a response by <b>Prof. Gareth Stansfield</b> and a group discussion
<b>12.30-13.30</b>	<i>Lunch</i>

<b>13.30-15.30</b>	Reading group I: close reading and discussion of pre-assigned pieces
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**Tuesday 14 June**  
**Day 2 - Ethics in Area Studies**

<b>9.30-10.30</b>	Presentation of pre-circulated research papers by graduate attendees, followed by a response by <b>Prof. William Gallois</b> and a group discussion
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<b>10.45-13.00</b>	Reading group II: discussion and close reading of pre-assigned pieces
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<b>14.00-15.30</b>	On Ethics in Area Studies Guest Speaker (online): <b>Professor Lisa Anderson</b> (Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and former President of the American University in Cairo)
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<b>18.00-22.00</b>	Cultural activity in Venice to be <i>followed by dinner</i>
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**Wednesday 15 June**  
**Day 3 – Methods in Area Studies**

<b>9.30-10.30</b>	Presentation of pre-circulated papers by graduate attendees, followed by a response by <b>Prof. Matteo Legrenzi</b> and a group discussion
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<b>10.45-13.00</b>	Guest speaker: <b>Prof. Professor Tim Niblock</b> (University of Exeter) Reading group II: discussion and close reading of pre-assigned pieces
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<b>14.00-15.30</b>	Student-led discussion on the production of reports on the State of the Art of Area Studies: How? Why? For whom? To be published where?
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<b>18.00-21.00</b>	A personal and political walking tour of Venice, led by Professor Matteo Legrenzi, to be <i>followed by dinner</i>
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**Thursday 16 June**  
**Day 4 – Rethinking Area Studies.**

<b>9.30-10.30</b>	Presentation of pre-circulated research papers by doctoral attendees, followed by a response by <b>Prof. Giovanni Zanalda</b> and a group discussion
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<b>10.45-13.00</b>	Future of Area Studies and Global Studies Guest speaker: <b>Prof. Sara Curran</b> (Professor of International Studies at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington)
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<b>15.00-17.30</b>	<i>Guided visits to</i> the Ghanaian, Senegalese and Tunisian pavillions at the Biennale, led by Professor William Gallois, to be followed by dinner
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Friday 17 June

Day 5 – New Trends and Transversal Skills

<b>9.30-12.00</b>	Transversal Skills 1: digital technologies Transversal Skills 2: publish of a report on the State of the Art of Area Studies
<b>12.00-13.15</b>	Online panel with <b>guest speakers</b> on New Trends: From water to space
<b>14.00-15.30</b>	Wrapping up.

### Post-workshop

Production and publication of report(s) and audio-visual material (e.g. articles, pod-cast, op-ed, and blogs) on the State of the Art of Area Studies