



**Venice International University
International PhD Academy**

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 Emily Selove, University of Exeter
- Professor Gareth Stansfield, University of Exeter
- Professor Victoria Szabo, Duke University
- 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, Tsinghua University & University of Exeter
- Professor Tingyi Wang, Tsinghua University & Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter

Agenda

Monday 13 June

Day 1 – The Purpose of Area Studies

9:00-9.15	<i>Registration</i>
9.15-9.40	Opening and Introduction including logistics and plan for the week
9.40-12.30	Presentation of pre-circulated papers by graduate attendees, followed by a response by Prof. Matteo Legrenzi and a group discussion
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00-17.00	Transversal Skills: Communicating Area Studies Research with Digital Technologies Workshop organized by Prof. Victoria Szabo Digital archive, story map, digital timelines, blog sites Prof. Giovanni Zanalda in attendance

Tuesday 14 June
Day 2 - Methods and Ethics in Area Studies



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9.15-12.30	Prof. Tim Niblock (Institute for International and Area Studies, Tsinghua University and Emeritus Professor, University of Exeter) Professor Tingyi Wang (Institute for International and Area Studies, Tsinghua University) Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University and Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00-15.30	Reading Group I: discussion and close reading of pre-assigned pieces
16.00-18:00	Guest Speaker (<i>online</i>): Professor Lisa Anderson (Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and former President of the American University in Cairo) on Ethics in Area Studies

Wednesday 15 June
Day 3 –Thinking Outside the Box: from Magic Square to Cartoon Panel

9.15-10.45	Prof. Emily Selove
11.00-12.30	Reading Group
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.15-17.00	Presentation of pre-circulated research papers by graduate attendees, followed by a response by Prof. William Gallois and a group discussion
19.30-21.00	<i>Special night visit of San Marco Basilica</i>

Thursday 16 June
Day 4 – Rethinking Area Studies

9.15-12.00	Presentation of pre-circulated research papers by doctoral attendees, followed by a response by Prof. Gareth Stanfield and a group discussion
12.30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00-16.00	Future of Area Studies and Global Studies Guest speaker: Prof. Sara Curran (Professor of International Studies at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington) and Prof. Giovanni Zanalda
17.00-22.00	Visit of the Biennale <i>Social Dinner in Venice</i>

Friday 17 June
Day 5 – New Trends OPEN

9.30-12.00	Visit to National Pavilions at the Biennale
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch break (at VIU)</i>
14.00-16.00	Student-led activities and discussion about post-workshop activities