Venice International University
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Practicing New Imaginaries:
‘Re-presencing’ Venice in the Time of Climate Change

Venice International University
July 3-8, 2023

Faculty
Professor Susanne Franco, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
Professor Gabriella Giannachi, University of Exeter
Professor Annalisa Sacchi, IUAV University of Venice

Guest Speakers
Professor Cristina Baldacci, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice and Niche
Marco Baravalle, researcher, curator, and activist, La Sapienza University of Rome and Sale Docks
Eva Neklyaeva, curator
Sara Wookey, researcher and choreographer
Barbara Casavecchia, curator, TBA21–Academy

Virtual Introductory Session | June 9, 9.30 am

Day 1 | Monday, July 3, 2023

Morning:

9.30 Welcome coffee & Registration

10.00 – 11.00 Opening & participants presentation (Venice International University & students)
Introduction to the course and invited speakers
Professor Gabriella Giannachi, University of Exeter

11.15 – 12.15 Practicing new imaginaries: key terms in environmental and ecological art
Presentation and discussion
Professor Gabriella Giannachi, University of Exeter

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

Afternoon:

13.30 – 14.30 Presentation of students’ research
14.30 – 16.30  **Re-presencing Venice in the time of climate change**  
Presentation and discussion  
Marco Baravalle, researcher, curator, and activist,  
IUAV University of Venice and Sale Docks

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**Day 2 | Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

**Morning:**

9.30 – 10.30  **Art and climate change: the theme of water**  
Presentation and discussion  
Professor Gabriella Giannachi, University of Exeter

10.30 – 10.45  **Coffee-break**

10.45 – 12.15  Presentation of students’ research

12.15 – 13.30  **Lunch**

**Afternoon:**

14:00  **Vaporetto to Venice: visit to Ocean Space**

14.15 – 16.00  Barbara Casavecchia, curator, Ocean Space  
Presentation and discussion  
Respondent: Gabriella Giannachi

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**Day 3 | Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

**Morning:**

9.30 – 11.00  **Performing the future of the planet**  
Presentation and discussion  
Professor Susanne Franco, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Professor Gabriella Giannachi, University of Exeter, and Professor Annalisa Sacchi, IUAV University of Venice

11.00 – 11.15  **Coffee-break**

11.15 – 12.30  Student ongoing project: presentation of ideas, discussion, and documentation  
Respondents: Susanne Franco, Gabriella Giannachi, Annalisa Sacchi

12.30 – 13.30  **Lunch**

**Afternoon:**  Visit to the Venice Biennale Architettura (18th International Architecture Exhibition)

15.30  **Guided visit at Giardini della Biennale**

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**Day 4 | Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**Morning:**

9.30 – 10.45  **Ecocritical Art Practices and Histories in the Anthropocene**  
Presentation and discussion  
Professor Cristina Baldacci, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice and Niche

10:45 – 11:00  **Coffee break**
11.00 – 12.30  Student ongoing project: presentation of ideas, discussion, and documentation  
   Respondent: Cristina Baldacci

12.30 – 13.30  Lunch

Afternoon:
13.30 – 14.30  Presentation of students’ research

14.30 – 17.00  **Choreography as epistemology**  
   Practical and theoretical session (session 1)  
   Sara Wookey, researcher and choreographer, in dialogue with Susanne Franco, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

19:00 Social Dinner in Venice – Principessa Restaurant @San Zaccaria

Day 5 | Friday July 7, 2023

Morning:
9.30 – 10.45  Eva Neklyaeva in dialogue with Annalisa Sacchi, IUAV University of Venice

10:45 – 11:00  **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30  Student ongoing project: presentation of ideas, discussion, and documentation  
   Respondent: Eva Neklyaeva

12.30 – 13.30  Lunch

Afternoon:
13.30 – 14.30  Presentation of students’ research

14.30 – 17.00  **Choreography as epistemology**  
   Practical and theoretical session (session 2)  
   Sara Wookey, researcher and choreographer, in dialogue with Susanne Franco, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

Day 6 | Saturday July 8, 2023

Morning:
9.30 – 12.30  Student project: brain and body storming  
   Susanne Franco, Gabriella Giannachi, Sara Wookey, Annalisa Sacchi

(10:45 – 11:00  **Coffee break**)

12.30 – 13.30  Lunch

Afternoon:  
   Student project: final presentation of ideas, discussion, and documentation  
   Respondents: Susanne Franco, Gabriella Giannachi, Annalisa Sacchi