

VIU Plenary Workshop on TRADITION - Friday, April 17, 2026

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1	10	09:00	Why Tradition?	Talk	Nic Parkinson	introduction to the theme
2	15	09:10	Tradission venesiane	Videos	Owen Ballantyne, Indiana Courarie-Delage, Jeanice Dutournier, Julian Gräml, Lily Grépinet, Tomoka Homma, Naledi Jagger, Alexandra Lopatkina, Abbie Lucas, Tilly Pearce, Dana Poliushina, Shimpei Shimada, Nana Takahashi, Amelia Taniguchi, Isabel Trendler, Julie Vandermensbrugghe, Adin Zhussupova - from the course on Italian Language taught by Laura Ventruto, Carola Drago, Massimo Brunzin	Three interviews in Italian, subtitled in English
3	15	09:25	Venice Foodways and the Anthropocene	Talk	Laila Kiwanuka, Myriam Malandit, Julie Vandermensbrugghe from the course on <i>Venice and the Environmental Humanities</i> taught by Shaul Bassi	
4	5	09:40	<i>Goodbye</i> by Jan Kaczmarek	Live Music	Zhannat Anarbekkyzy (piano)	
5	15	09:55	Side Notes on Tradition	Talk	Luca Pes teaching <i>History of Venice</i>	
6	5	10:10	<i>Waltz in A minor</i> by Chopin	Live Music	Zhannat Anarbekkyzy (piano)	
7	10	10:20	The Reclamation of Yiddish in Modern Jewish Traditions	Talk	Ita Sonnenschein	This presentation will give an overview of Yiddish language and culture in pre-Holocaust Europe and America, as well as the ways that Yiddish survives in different Jewish cultures as music, slang, nostalgia and cultural identity.
8	15	10:30	Changing traditions of natural resource commons around the world	Talk	Gretchen Walters, Marija Mihajlovic, Jardin Davis, Nana Takahashi from <i>Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities and Natural Resources in Europe and Beyond</i> taught by Gretchen Walters	An introduction and 3 short presentations on the topic of "Changing traditions of natural resource commons around the world". There will be a presentation (brief) by prof. Walters, then 3 cases presented by student groups with the use of powerpoint. All students participate, but only 3 will speak. The professor then concludes. Form of contribution: a zine and a slide presentation
9	5	10:45	<i>Amelie</i> by Yann Tiersen	Live Music	Zhannat Anarbekkyzy (piano)	
10	10	10:50	The adventures of Little Amelia - part 2	Talk	Fumika Taniguchi	Fumika's adventures as a comedy. Part 1 was performed last semester
11	15	11:00	Preserving or performing? The question of tradition's sustainability	Interactive Game	Veronika Isabella Lanzinger, Saraah Sahid, Viktoriia Ryzhova from the courses <i>People, Networks and Systems in the light of Sustainable Management</i> and <i>Navigating Sustainability Crisis through Design Thinking and Business Model Innovation</i> taught by Natalia Gusmerotti	Introduction (2 minutes) ● Interactive game (5-7 minutes) ● Conclusions / Key takeaways (3 minutes) ● Closing & gifts (2-3 minutes)
12	10	11:15	La sveglia della strega	Video	Myriam Malandit and Julie Vandermensbrugghe	on Tradition
13	5	11:20	Kazakh song by Shamshi Kaldayakov	Live Music	Zhannat Anarbekkyzy (piano)	

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14	15	11:25	Things that Matter	Talk	Emma Buckley, Jeanice Dutournier, Seren Edwards, Lily Grépinet, Tomoka Homma from the course on <i>Anthropology of Space and Mobility Uneven Worlds taught</i> by Valeria Vasilyeva	The general idea is to explore culturally specific material objects that students have found themselves missing after moving to Venice, and the ways they compensate for these absences, sometimes quite literally by building human infrastructure around them. It is designed as a small-scale anthropological research with interviews as the main method.
15	10	11:40	Looking at tradition through lens of different countries	Talk	Fumika Taniguchi, Julian Gräml and Sadagat Gasimova	
16	10	11:50	With... before 8am (video)	Video	Ning Zhou	
17	5	12:00	<i>The Pilgrimage</i> by Ariel Ramirez	Live Music	Zhannat Anarbekkyzy (piano)	
18	10	12:05	The Golden Ring: Living Traditions of Russia's Ancient Cities	Talk	Alexandra Lopatkina	
19	10	12:15	On Saint Petersburg	Talk	Daria Tabachnikova	
20	5	12:25	失眠 (<i>Sleepless Night</i>) by 苏打绿 (Sodagreen)	Singing live	Zibing Janice Cai (voice)	
21	15	12:30	When sustainability meets tradition or When traditions meet sustainability practices. The Case of Munich's Breweries	Talk	Veronika Isabella Lanzinger, Saraah Sahid, Viktoriia Ryzhova from the courses <i>People, Networks and Systems in the light of Sustainable Management</i> and <i>Navigating Sustainability Crisis through Design Thinking and Business Model Innovation</i> taught by Natalia Gusmerotti	10 minutes, tradition and explanation of the beer purity law, including a summary of the breweries in Munich, which are used as examples for sustainable business initiatives; explanations of modern sustainability concepts applied to breweries • 5-6 minutes tasting and reflection (tasting of beer)
22	5	12:45	Conclusion	Talk		