

Friday, 15 September 2023
Ca' Bottacin, room B

09.00-10.30 Irrigation and reclamation II

chair: Salvatore Ciriaco (University of Padua)

Aneurin Merril-Glover (University of Bristol), *'The whole body of the fenne': Bodily metaphor in 17th-century fenland drainage*

John Morgan (University of Bristol), *Knowing and defining 'new' land on the early modern English coast*

Stéphane Durand (University of Avignon), *'A conservative technical culture'. The king's engineers and the water of lagoons in the spatial planning of the coast of Languedoc in the 18th century*

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 Rivers and wars

chair: Oscar Schiavone (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Alice Raviola (University of Milan), *«El camino que por el Po se utiliza de Mantua a Pavia»: Use of river waters between borders, war, strategies and resources in early modern Italy*

Elisa Andretta (CNRS Lyon), *The war of water. Knowledge and military techniques in the debate on the Tiber in 16th-century Rome*

Laura Genovese (CNR Institute for Heritage Science), *The rediscovery of 'water strategy' in the early modern age*

Massimo Galtarossa (University of Padua), *The River Brenta as a sanitary boundary: The rout of the Venetian army in 1630*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Sacred waters

chair: Rachele Scuro (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Marios Hatzopoulos (University of Nicosia), *Water and early modern prophecy: The Constantinopolitan spring of Balukli*

Andrea Gondos (FU Berlin), *Water as ritual and symbolic medium in early modern Jewish magic*

Eduardo Jiménez Rayado (University Rey Juan Carlos), *The Habsburg monarchy and the transformations of the water culture in Madrid*



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Wednesday, 13 September 2023

Ca' Foscari, aula Mario Baratto

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-10.00 Welcome addresses

10.00-11.00 Keynote lecture

Christopher Hamlin (University of Notre Dame), *Water and anarchy*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 The art and theatre of water

chair: Rachele Scuro (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Ana Duarte Rodrigues (University of Lisbon), *The beauty of water: From silence to SPLASH!*

Ana Cristina Howie (Cornell University), *Women, painters, and water in early modern Genoa*

Sergius Kodera (University of Vienna), *Delightful waterworks: Giovan Battista della Porta's (1535-1615) Hydraulics between 'scienza' and marvelous 'segreto'*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Hydraulic landscape

chair: Lavinia Maddaluno (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Laura Dierksmeier (University of Tübingen), *Water knowledge in practice: Local responses to water scarcity on the Canary Islands during the early modern period*

Antonieta Reis Leite (University of Coimbra), *The hydraulic landscape of the 19th-century Azores islands: Techno-scientific knowledge at the edge of Europe*

Mary Lindemann (University of Miami), *'Aquae incognitae': The little waters of Brandenburg, 1600-1750*

15.30-17.00 Irrigation and reclamation I

chair: Giacomo Bonan (University of Turin)

Alexander Andrew Hibberts (St John's College Durham University), *Culverting divine power: Drainage systems, water, and the (post-)monastic imagination, c.1500-1570*

Élias Burgel (University of Caen Normandy), *Irrigation, rights and commons in the Lower Languedoc (Lattes-Montpellier, 17th-18th centuries)*

Caroline Murphy (MIT Boston), *Reclamation and reason of state in the Valdichiana*

17.00-17.30 Coffee break

17.30-18.30 Underground water

chair: Salvatore Valenti (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Dániel Moerman (VU Amsterdam), *Well-communities on the sand grounds of the eastern Netherlands: Deventer 1770-1870*

Antonio Bonatesta (University of Bari), *The 'reinvention' of artesian waters in Europe: Hydrogeology and groundwaters between the two industrial revolutions (1820s-1880s)*

Thursday, 14 September 2023

Ca' Dolfin, aula magna Silvio Trentin

09.00-10.00 Keynote lecture

Petra van Dam (VU Amsterdam), *Sustainable urban water in the Dutch Republic? Micro drinking water infrastructures and daily practices*

10.00-11.00 Mineral waters

chair: Lavinia Maddaluno (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Armel Cornu (Science History Institute, Philadelphia), *Waters and minerals in the economy of the French 18th century*

Michael Zeheter (University of Trier), *A dual-use commodity: Bottled mineral water between medicine and soft drink, c. 1870-1914*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Urban waters

chair: Salvatore Valenti (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Marius Mutz (Bavarian National Museum), *Managing hydraulic knowledge in 16th-century Electoral Saxony: Actors, institutions, and material culture*

Luca Andreoni (Marche Polytechnic University), *Good waters, bad waters: Urban waste, agricultural development, and Italian cities in the 19th century*

Silvia A. Conca Messina (University of Milan), *Managing the urban water system in Milan: The 'Naviglio interno' between local nobility and state control (1755-1796)*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Water management

chair: Katherine Rinne (University of Virginia)

Renato Sansa (University of Calabria) and **Giannantonio Scaglione** (University of Calabria), *The hydraulic wealth of a land poor in water*

Maurizio Romano (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan) and

Claudio Lorenzini (University of Udine), *Water management in pre-industrial economies: The Lombardy and Friuli cases, 1750-1850 ca.*

Daniele Palermo (University of Palermo), *Averting the danger: Controversies over the use of water for production in 18th-century Sicily*

15.30-17.00 Hydraulic knowledge

chair: Gaia Bruno (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Anatole Tchikine (Harvard University), *Mobility and survival: Aqueduct technology in medieval Florence*

Davide Martino (University of Cambridge), *Knowledge streams: Im/mobility of hydraulic knowledge in early modern European cities*

Santiago Gorostiza Langa (Autonomous University of Barcelona), *Repairing urban networks, controlling water flows: Barcelona's 'Book of Fountains' (1650)*

17.00-17.30 Coffee break

17.30-19.00 Life and death

chair: Diego Carnevale (University of Naples "Federico II")

Barbara Di Gennaro Splendore (University of Bucharest), *Drink like an Egyptian: Prospero Alpini's examination of water and health in Egypt*

Fabio Pruneri (University of Sassari), *Water and body health in the school desks: Hygienic culture and the use of water in the history of education in Italy between the 19th and 20th centuries*

Ella Sbaraini (University of Cambridge), *'I believe it will be a watery grave': Suicide, drowning and the language of water in 18th- and 19th-century England*

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Ca' Foscari, aula Mario Baratto

09.00-10.30 Waterworks in Ottoman Crete

chair: Salvatore Valenti (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Antonis Anastasopoulos (University of Crete and Institute for Mediterranean Studies/FORTH), *Water rights in 18th-century Ottoman Kandiye*

Anna Androvitsanea (Technical University Berlin), *Tracing the transfer of water engineering knowledge in Rethymno from the Venetian to the Ottoman era*

Nicola Verderame (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), *'Unifying waters': Water projects in Crete in the 1890s*

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 Supplying water

chair: Gaia Bruno (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Matthijs Degraeve (VU Brussels), *Indoor water management: Sanitary governance of private housing in London, Paris and Brussels, 1850-1914*

Bob Pierik (VU Amsterdam), *Water and seasonality: Everyday rhythms of water in early modern households*

Mathieu Torck (KU Leuven), *Sweet water for salty sea voyages: A study of water supplying during early transoceanic Iberian voyages from the Mediterranean to the Pacific*

Anna Speyart (Princeton University), *The summer snows of early modern Florence*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Thermal springs

chair: Oscar Schiavone (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

François Zanetti (University of Paris-Cité), *Medical authority over French mineral waters and spas 1770s-1830s: The 'médecins intendants des eaux minérales'*

Ursula Klüwick (University of Bern), *Changing water cultures: Spas and the seaside in British 19th-century novels*

Stefan Peychev (Sofia University), *A thermal spring and its city: Water, space, and place in early modern Ottoman Sofia*

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00

Felipe Fernández-Armesto (University of Notre Dame), *Concluding remarks*