

Conference “Let's talk ticks. A conference beyond the limits of disciplines and academia”
Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
1-4 September 2025

- FINAL AGENDA -

Monday the 1st of September 2025: in Venice

ONLINE ATTENDANCE IS WELCOME (please register [here](#))

- 09.00 Registration and coffee in Aula Baratto, Palazzo Ca' Foscari
- 09.30 Opening
- 09.45 Keynote 1: **Annapaola Rizzoli** (Fondazione Edmund Mach, IT), Ecological complexities of tick-borne diseases transmission: *Ixodes ricinus* and TBE as case study
- 10.15 Presentation 1: **Nina Krol** (University of Leipzig, DE), *Ixodes ricinus* ticks and *Borrelia burgdorferi* s.l. in Denmark
- 10.45 Presentation 2: **Lene Jung Kjær** (University of Copenhagen, DK), Potential for integrated monitoring of tick-borne diseases – an example from Denmark
- 11.15 Presentation 3: **Giulia Ferrari** (Fondazione Edmund Mach, IT), Changes over time in the tick-borne disease risk in different habitat types of the north-eastern Italian Alps
- 11.45 Presentation 4: **Caroline Millins** (University of Liverpool, UK), Effects of landscape structure and host communities on tickborne pathogen hazard
- 12.15 Presentation 5: **Catherine Bouchard** (Public Health Agency of Canada, CA), Endemic and emerging tick-borne diseases: an amplifying socio-ecological challenge in Canada
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Presentation 6: **Nicholas Johnson** (Animal and Plant Health Agency of Canada, CA), How can we use 'omics' technologies to control ticks and tick-borne diseases?
- 14.15 Presentation 7: **Lucy Gilbert** (University of Glasgow, UK), Can humans inadvertently alter tick-borne pathogen risk by scaring away wildlife?
- 14.45 Presentation 8: **Sara Gandy** (University of Glasgow, UK), Ecosystem processes driving deer space-use, tick density and Lyme disease hazard in urban greenspaces
- 15.15 Presentation 9: **Kristina Seljak** (Ca' Foscari University, IT), In the thick of it: reflections on fieldwork exploring tick perception in the Gorenjska region of Slovenia
- 15.45 Presentation 10: **Laura Beloff** (Aalto University, FI), Ticks, strays, and parasites: an artistic exploration of entanglements
- 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.30 End of the day
- 19.30 Optional conference dinner

Tuesday the 2nd of September 2025: in Venice

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- 09.00 Registration and coffee in Aula Baratto, Palazzo Ca' Foscari
- 09.30 Keynote 2: **Majda Kralj** (Lyme Disease Patients Association of Slovenia, SI), Integrated systemic strategies for the clinical management of Lyme borreliosis and associated coinfections: addressing an invisible global health challenge
- 10.00 Presentation 11 (online): **Barbara Hostalek** (Murdoch University, AU), Increasing perspectives of indigenous communities' knowledge, attitudes and practices towards ticks and canine tick-borne diseases in North-West Australia: a respectful pathway towards effective disease management
- 10.30 Presentation 12 (online): **Elizabeth Murray** (Lyme Resource Center, UK), The Lyme disease experience survey
- 11.00 Presentation 13 (online): **Janey Cringean** (advocate, UK), When patients are too ill to advocate for themselves
- 11.30 Presentation 14: **Ritti Sonnco** (University of Edinburgh, UK), Biosocial fragilities
- 12.00 Presentation 15: **Morven-May MacCallum** (advocate, UK), Finding the Lyme light
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Presentation 16: **Magdalena Goralska** (University of Warsaw, PL), Walking and living the ticksites: the affective epidemiology of Lyme disease
- 14.00 Presentation 17: **David Modrý** (Czech University of Life Sciences, CZ) and **Andrei Mihalca** (University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, RO), Ticks in taxonomy: practical relevance for clinicians in human and veterinary health
- 14.30 Presentation 18: **Andres Urcuqui-Bustamante** (University of Illinois Chicago, US), Stakeholder engagement in forest management practices targeting Lyme disease mitigation
- 15.00 Presentation 19: **Patrick Leighton** (University of Montreal, CA), Healthy PARKS project: One Health and citizen science for tick-borne disease risk mitigation in Canada
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.45 Presentation 20: **Deborah Nadal** (Ca' Foscari University, IT), Webs of life in the Dolomites of yesterday, today and tomorrow
- 16.15 Discussion
- 17.30 End of the day

Wednesday the 3rd of September 2025: in the Dolomites

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- 09.00 Transfer by private bus from Tronchetto (near Piazzale Roma) to Canzoi Valley
- 10.40 Field activities: encounters with ticks and people* along the forest path "Le Scale"
- 13.40 Lunch
- 14.40 Transfer to the hotel
- 15.00 Hotel check-in and rest
- 16.45 Transfer to the Museo Etnografico Dolomiti in Cesiomaggiore
- 17.00 Guided visit to the museum
- 18.00 "Tutto quello che hai sempre voluto chiedere sulle zecche" public meeting – a collective Q&A, with rapid Italian-English-Italian translation, where members of the local community will ask us questions about ticks and tick-borne diseases
- 19.00 Transfer to the restaurant
- 19.15 Dinner
- 20.45 Transfer to the hotel
- 21.00 Arrival to the hotel

Thursday the 4th of September 2025: in the Dolomites

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- 08.00 Breakfast
- 08.50 Hotel check-out
- 09.00 Transfer to Mis Valley
- 09.30 Field activities: encounters with ticks and people* at Cadini del Brenton and Soffia waterfall
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Transfer to Alpage
- 14.30 Field activities: encounters with ticks and people* at Garna's old dairy farm
- 17.15 Transfer to the restaurant
- 17.45 Aperitivo and dinner in the UNESCO vineyards
- 20.00 Transfer to Venice (Tronchetto)
- 21.00 Arrival in Venice

* **Elisabetta Feltrin** (anthropologist at ISOIPSE) - **Ester Andrich** (forestry scientist at ISOIPSE) - **Federica Pellegrinotti** (independent anthropologist) - **Francesca Barp** (anthropologist at ISOIPSE) - **Luca Frigo** (photographer) - **Valentina De Marchi** (anthropologist at ISOIPSE) - **Vito Vecellio** (photographer) and many other people who know the province of Belluno like the back of their hand.

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