

ECOPEDAGOGY IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSROOM: PROMOTING JUSTICE, CARE, AND RELATIONALITY

16-17 April 2026
 Sala B, Ca' Bernardo



Registration is kindly appreciated for the talks
 and is MANDATORY for the workshops.
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Thursday, 16 April

8.40-9.10 **Registration**

9.10-9.20 **Welcome Remarks**

9.20-10.00 Prof. **Christian Ludwig** (University of Berlin), *Eco Isn't Extra: Fostering Ecoliteracy in the Foreign Language Classroom*

10.00-10.40 Prof. **Uwe K  chler** (University of T  bingen), *Teaching English Hopefully: On Vulnerability, Resilience, and Environmental Stories*

10.40-11.00 **Q&A**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.10 Prof. **Hermine Penz** (University of Graz), *Ecolinguistics and ELT: Creating Environmental Awareness through Ecological Discourse Analysis*

12.10-12.20 **Q&A**

12.20-13.00 **Presentation of the Ecostories Teacher Competency Framework and Reflection Activity**

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15-18.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION** (Registration needed)
WORKSHOP 1: *Holding the Climate Wound: Storytelling as a Healing Practice in Times of Ecological Crisis* at Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Palazzo Cosulich; Sala Conferenze)

WORKSHOP 2: *The Carrier Bag of Ecostories: from the Whale to the World* at the Natural History Museum of Venice

WORKSHOP 3: *Io Vado al Museo – Decolonising the Eco-Classroom through Plurilingualism* at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection

WORKSHOP 4: *Fluid Worlds: An Ecocritical Workshop* at TBA21–Academy's Ocean Space

Friday, 17 April

8.40-9.10 **Registration**

9.10-9.40 **Report on workshops**

9.40-10.20 Prof. **Vicky Macleroy** (Goldsmiths, University of London), *The Children Who Wouldn't Touch Grass: Exploring how Digital Storytelling Can Enable Young People to Think Ecologically and Create Stories of Hopefulness*

10.20-11.00 Prof. **Haley De Korne** (University of Oslo), *Multilingual Education, Inequality, and Sustainability: Perspectives from Indigenous Language Education*

11.00-11.20 **Q&A**

11.20-11.50 Coffee Break

11.50-12.00 **Presentation of the Ecostories MOOC**

12.00-13.00 In conversation with writer and researcher Dr. **Kim Simonsen**: *What is the Philosophy of the Fish? Eco-poetic Explorations*

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15-16.30 **Presentation of the Ecostories CLIL** units implemented in Italy, Spain, and Austria, with the participation of **Mara Zordan** (English language teacher) & her students (I.I.S. Tron Zanella Martini); **Rosario Arias**, **Mar  a Torres Romero**, & **Lola Artacho Mart  n** (University of Malaga); **Eva Bauer** & **Seyma Yonar** (University of Graz)

16.30-16.45 Break

16.45-18.00 **Final Discussion:** *At the Interface Between the Environment and Foreign Language Education: Where Do We Go from Here?*