



# 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 Küchler** (University of Tübingen), *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, María Torres Romero, & Lola Artacho Martín** (University of Málaga); **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?**