



(Up)Rooted: Plants, People, and the Movement of Life

April 21 - 22 2026

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Sala delle Trifore, San Sebastiano

10.30 - 12.30 'Literally' Rooted: Plant Narratives in Sinophone Literature

Nicoletta Pesaro (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)

Beyond Metaphor: Plant Ontologies and Relational Agency in Can Xue's Fiction

Mario De Grandis (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)

Living Origins: Ethnobotanical Perspectives in the Creation Myths of China's Ethnic Groups

Marta Bianco (Università di Napoli L'Orientale)

Flowers, Trees and Seeds: A Symbolic Grammar of Plant Imagery in the Poetry of Wangxiu Caidan

Federica Passi (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)

How Plants Write: Vegetal Agency and Literary Form in Re-Reading Taiwan Nature Writing

14.30 - 17.00 Vegetal Worlds, Cultural Landscapes

Peng Shuai Paolo (independent artist)

Economadism: Lands of Care from Xiangtan to the Oltrepò Pavese

Leone Contini (NABA)

Unstable Lands

Luca Battisti (Università degli Studi di Torino)

Vegetal geography and Nature-based Solutions

April 22, 2026

Saint Erasmo

Meeting at 9.00 am at imbarcadero D Fondamenta Nove

10.30 - 12.30 **Luca Battisti** (Università degli Studi di Torino)

Vegetal Geographies - an Exercise

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 **Anja Dimitrijević** (Università Luav di Venezia) and **Laura Santini** (Accademia Albertina di Belle Arti di Torino)

Intertidal Practice - Soundwalk

15.30 - 17.00 Closing

Registration deadline: April 19 at 6.00 p.m. (CET)

Organising and Scientific Committee

Chiara Bartoletti and **Rita Mancini** (39th cycle), **Giacomo Cacciaguerra** (40th cycle), **Lu Lin** (41st cycle), PhD candidates, Department of Asian and North African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice.



Registration Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10jVOpUZLfwHpe52LMgLQYLhQQAG9oBDyqJolieesTzk/edit>

More information about the second day logistics will be shared the day after registration closes