

Relational Accountability of Mother Earth: Revitalizing & Restoring Land and Water: NFRF-I Consortium Meeting 2026

NICHE Centre for Environmental Humanities, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

*Methodologies of Communicating Water: Explorations in Knowledge and Indigenous Practices
in the Climate Emergency*



Tuesday 01.09.2026

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Methodologies of communicating with water: defining interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary methods of Science/Arts

9:45 – 10:00am: Opening remarks by NICHE, Prof. Pietro Daniel Omodeo

Morning session: 10:00 – 12:30pm (open session)

- **Water quality through the lens of natural scientists** by Dr Kim Luong (Eawag: Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology).
 - Cases of toxic cyanobacteria – what alerts the public, how do we respond, and how do we communicate the risk. From people, to dogs and fish.

Afternoon session: 1:30 – 4:30pm (open session)

- **Howing Workshop** by Dr Jen Rae (Centre for Reworlding and University of Liverpool).
 - A performance lecture and experimental workshop on how to communicate water and the climate emergency relationally and collaboratively through artistic methods and practices.

Thursday 03.09.2026

Aula Magna Silvio Trentin, Ca' Dolfin ([Dorsoduro 3859/A, 30123 Venezia](#))

How to engage in community-based solutions and communicate local realities

Morning session 10:00 - 12:30pm (closed session)

10:00 - 10:40: **Embodying Indigenous Science** by Dr. Paulina Johnson, George Sartison, Senyuan Chen, Samantha Dancey, Darian McCullough, Dr. Diana Moreiras Reynaga (University of Alberta)

10:40 - 11:10: **'Memories and Identity': Anthropology and Archaeology of Water at Lake Pátzcuaro** by Dr. José Luis Punzo Díaz and María Fernanda Cabrera (Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia-Michoacán)

11:10 - 12:30: **Photovoice Workshop** led by Dr. Natahnee Winder (Simon Fraser University)

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Eco-pedagogical workshop: Introducing Cycle 0 - a methodological lens that repositions the “beginning” of participatory research by Jonathan Joseph, Nomthandongo Pukwana, Dr Bruce Damons and Dr Nelson Mandela (Nelson Mandela University)

- Short reflection on how **participation, knowledge, and relationships are constructed before formal project implementation** followed by interactive group activities to surface **relational, ethical, epistemic, and governance dimensions** of early-stage engagement.
- Explore how **eco-pedagogy extends beyond environmental learning** to include how we enter into relationships with land, water, and communities
- Working through a practical scenario examine **real-world tensions (e.g. pre-defined proposals, institutional constraints)** in shaping participation
- Session connects Cycle 0 to the broader project theme by reflecting on **how early-stage decisions influence the communication and understanding of water and climate realities** and concludes with a collective reflection on how participants might **reframe their own methodological starting points in transdisciplinary and community-based work**

Closing session 4.30-6.00pm **Reflections and Wrap-Up**



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