Friday, 15 September 2023
Ca’ Bottacin, room B

09.00-10.30 Irrigation and reclamation II
chair: Salvatore Ciriacono (University of Padua)
Aneurin Merril-Glover (University of Bristol), ‘The whole body of the fenne’: Bodily metaphor in 17th-century fenland drainage
John Morgan (University of Bristol), Knowing and defining ‘new’ land on the early modern English coast
Stéphane Durand (University of Avignon), ‘A conservative technical culture’. The king’s engineers and the water of lagoons in the spatial planning of the coast of Languedoc in the 18th century

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 Rivers and wars
chair: Oscar Schiavone (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Alice Raviola (University of Milan), «El camino que por el Po se utiliza de Mantua a Pavia**: Use of river waters between borders, war, strategies and resources in early modern Italy
Elisa Andretta (CNRS Lyon), The war of water. Knowledge and military techniques in the debate on the Tiber in 16th-century Rome
Laura Genovese (CNR Institute for Heritage Science), The rediscovery of ‘water strategy’ in the early modern age
Massimo Galtarossa (University of Padua), The River Brenta as a sanitary boundary: The rout of the Venetian army in 1630

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Sacred waters
chair: Rachele Scuro (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Marios Hatzopoulos (University of Nicosia), Water and early modern prophecy: The Constantinopolitan spring of Balukli
Andrea Gondos (FU Berlin), Water as ritual and symbolic medium in early modern Jewish magic
Eduardo Jiménez Rayado (University Rey Juan Carlos), The Habsburg monarchy and the transformations of the water culture in Madrid

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