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# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

## The Longue Durée of Sanitation: Changing Knowledge, Management, and Infrastructure in Urban Europe and the Mediterranean, 1500-1900

25 January 2024

9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Ca' Foscari - Sala Marino Berengo  
Dorsoduro 3246, Venice



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9.30-9.40 - **Welcome**

**David Gentilcore** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

9.40-10.00 - **Salvatore Valenti** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), *Sanitation revisited: the past and future of a never-ending practice*

### Session 1, Knowledge

chair **Oscar Schiavone** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

10.00-10.20 - **Mark Andrews** (Civil Engineer), *Early water quality engineering: Italian school of hydraulics and water literature*

10.20-10.40 - **Agnes Németh** (Budapest City Archives), *The channels of knowledge - The engineers of Budapest's General Sewerage Reform in the 19th century*

10.40-11.00 - **Discussion**

11.00-11.30 - **Coffee break**

### Session 2, Management

chair **Lavinia Maddaluno** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

11.30-11.50 - **Raphaël Morera** (CNRS/EHESS), *Participation, investment, and major projects. Parisian sewers in the early modern time*

11.50 - 12.10 - **Matthijs Degraeve** (VU Brussel), *Water closet management. The regulation of private sanitary installations in Paris, London, and Brussels (1850-1940)*

12.10- 12.30 - **Discussion**

12.30- 14.00 - **Lunch**

### Session 3, Infrastructure

chair **Gaia Bruno** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

14.00-14.20 - **Rodrigo Banha da Silva** and **André Teixeira** (Nova University of Lisbon), *Fifteenth-Seventeenth centuries Lisbon sewage and residue management*

14.20-14.40 - **Ufuk Adak** (Altinbaş University), *Hygienic, clean, and civilised: Water projects in Izmir in the late Ottoman Empire*

14.40-15.00 - **Discussion**

15.00-15.30 - **Coffee break**

### Session 4, Social worth, economic value

chair **Rachele Scuro** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

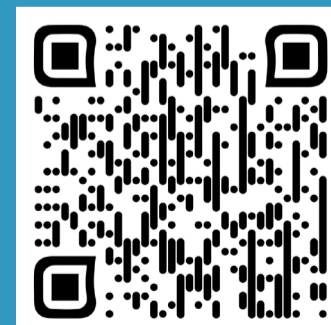
15.30-15.50 - **Lucia Carminati** (University of Oslo), *Bringing order to ordure in turn-of-the-century Port Said*

15.50-16.10 - **Luca Andreoni**

(Polytechnic Marche University), *From fertilisation to sanitation. The inquiry of 1877 in Italy*

16.10-16.30 - **Colin McFarlane** (Durham University), *Waste and the city: The crisis of sanitation and the right to citylife*

16.30-17.00 - **Discussion**



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The event is open remotely via zoom.

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