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Summer school **Social Movements in Contemporary Southeast Asia**

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Introduction

The Department of Asian and North African Studies of Ca' Foscari University of Venice and the Marco Polo Center for Global Europe-Asia Connections are pleased to offer a Summer School on Social Movements in Contemporary Southeast Asia.

This 7-day summer school aims to provide young and emerging scholars with methodological, theoretical, and analytical tools for the study of social movements in contemporary Southeast Asia.

Since the colonial period, resistance in the region has often been expressed via a broad range of social movements – a diverse array of collective actions, organizational strategies, and social networks that have catalyzed profound transformations in identity, lifestyle, culture, economy, and politics. Notable examples include the 1970s student movements in Thailand, the 2008 Saffron Revolution in Myanmar, and the 1986 People Power Revolution in the Philippines.

This Summer School will engage students in addressing the complex transformations brought about by social movements in Southeast Asia by considering the following three interrelated axes of enquiry: religion, gender and age.

As in other world contexts, young people in Southeast Asia have often been at the vanguard of political change. Their mobilization in the region has destabilized long standing social hierarchies. Many of these movements seek to question prevailing gender norms and

advance new ideas of kinship and community. In doing so they often co-opt, contest and reframe those religious ideals that sustain existing power arrangements.

Whilst a growing body of literature has dealt with social movements in areas ranging from Western Europe and North America to Latin America and the Middle East, Southeast Asia remains understudied. Yet, recent “gay pride” parades in Vietnam, youth-led “digital protests” in Thailand and Myanmar, Buddhist environmental actions in Cambodia, “indigenous rights millenarianism” in highland Southeast Asia, and Muslim NGO activism throughout Indonesia, to name a few, have captured international attention.

The Summer School will focus on the specific and distinctive features of collective social actors in this region by illuminating the central roles played by the youth, women, LGBTQ+ activists and religious actors in shaping, resisting, and/or contesting processes of cultural and socio-political change.

In addition to focused lectures and class discussions on social movements in Southeast Asia, the School will provide graduate students from around the world with opportunities to develop academic writing and presentation skills through collaborative work with senior researchers and leading experts in the field.

Based on their research interests/proposal, students will be assigned to one of the following working groups/thematic panels:

- social movements through the lens of age;
- social movements through the lens of gender;
- social movements through the lens of religion.

Students in each panel will work with an appointed advisor on the development of their research paper. The School will conclude with a Graduate Conference that is open to the public. This final event will provide students with a platform to present their work in a scientific conference setting to an audience of scholars of Southeast Asia.

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Summer School Programme

Sunday, 18 September	
12:00-16:00	Summer School Registration
16:00-19:00	SUMMER SCHOOL OPENING AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Venue: Blue Room
16:00-17:00	WELCOME GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL Prof. Giuseppe Bolotta Summer School Organizer, Ca' Foscari University Prof. Edoardo Siani Summer School Organizer, Ca' Foscari University Prof. Richard Quang-Anh Summer School Organizer, Ca' Foscari University Dr. M. Beatrice Grossa Summer School Coordinator
17:00-19:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chairperson Prof. Giuseppe Bolotta Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy Keynote Speaker Dr. Khin Mar Mar Kyi Oxford University, UK
19:00-19:30	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
19:30-19:45	CONCLUSION
Monday, 19 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-11:30	STUDY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT THROUGH THE LENS OF AGE Venue: Blue Room
	Chairperson Prof. Giuseppe Bolotta Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy Guest lecturer Prof. Thomas Stodulka Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
11:30-12:00	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
12:00-14:30	Lunch

14:30-17:30	<p>SKILL SESSION 1</p> <p>Venue: Red Room (group Age), Maddalena Room (group Gender), Bakhita Room (group Religion)</p> <p>Prof. Amalia Rossi (group Age) Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, Italy Prof. Alessandra Chiricosta (group Gender) Tor Vergata University of Rome, Italy Prof. Matthew Phillips (group Religion) School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK</p>
18:30-19:30	<p>Optional Activity: Venice Walking Tour, guided by Prof. Edoardo Siani</p> <p>Meeting Point: Salottino</p>
Tuesday, 20 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-11:30	<p>STUDY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT THROUGH THE LENS OF GENDER</p> <p>Venue: Blue Room</p> <p>Chairperson Prof. Richard Quang-Anh Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy Guest lecturer Prof. Paul Horton Linköping University, Sweden</p>
11:30-12:00	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
12:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:30	<p>SKILL SESSION 2</p> <p>Venue: Red Room (group Age), Maddalena Room (group Gender), Bakhita Room (group Religion)</p> <p>Prof. Amalia Rossi (group Age) Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, Italy Prof. Alessandra Chiricosta (group Gender) Tor Vergata University of Rome, Italy Prof. Matthew Phillips (group Religion) School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK</p>
18:00-19:30	Optional Activity: Martial Art Lab , guided by Prof. Alessandra Chiricosta

	Meeting Point: Salottino
Wednesday, 21 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-11:30	STUDY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT THROUGH THE LENS OF RELIGION Venue: Blue Room
	Chairperson Prof. Edoardo Siani Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy Guest lecturer Prof. Chris Chaplin London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
11:30-12:00	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
12:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:30	SKILL SESSION 3 Venue: Red Room (group Age), Maddalena Room (group Gender), Bakhita Room (group Religion)
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Thursday, 22 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-12:00	FINALIZATION OF PAPERS Venue: Blue Room
	Prof. Catherine Scheer Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, France
12:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>

14:30-17:30	STUDENTS' FORUM AND GUIDED SYMPOSIA Venue: Blue Room
	Prof. Catherine Scheer Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, France
18:30	Optional Activity: Movie Projection Venue: Blue Room
Friday, 23 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-12:00	FINALIZATION OF PAPERS Venue: Blue Room
	Prof. Catherine Scheer Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, France
11:30-12:30	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
12:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:30	GRADUATE CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (see "Conference Programme") Venue: Blue Room Zoom
14:30-16:30	PANEL 1: AGE
16:30-17:30	QUESTION & ANSWERS
Saturday, 24 September	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:30-12:15	GRADUATE CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA Venue: Blue Room Zoom
09:30-11:15	PANEL 2: GENDER
11:15-12:12	QUESTION & ANSWERS
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>

14:30-17:30	GRADUATE CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA Venue: Blue Room Zoom
14:30-16:00	PANEL 3: RELIGION
16:00-17:00	QUESTION & ANSWERS
17:00-17:30	CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FAREWELL GREETINGS
19:30	Optional Activity: Social Dinner Meeting Point: Salottino

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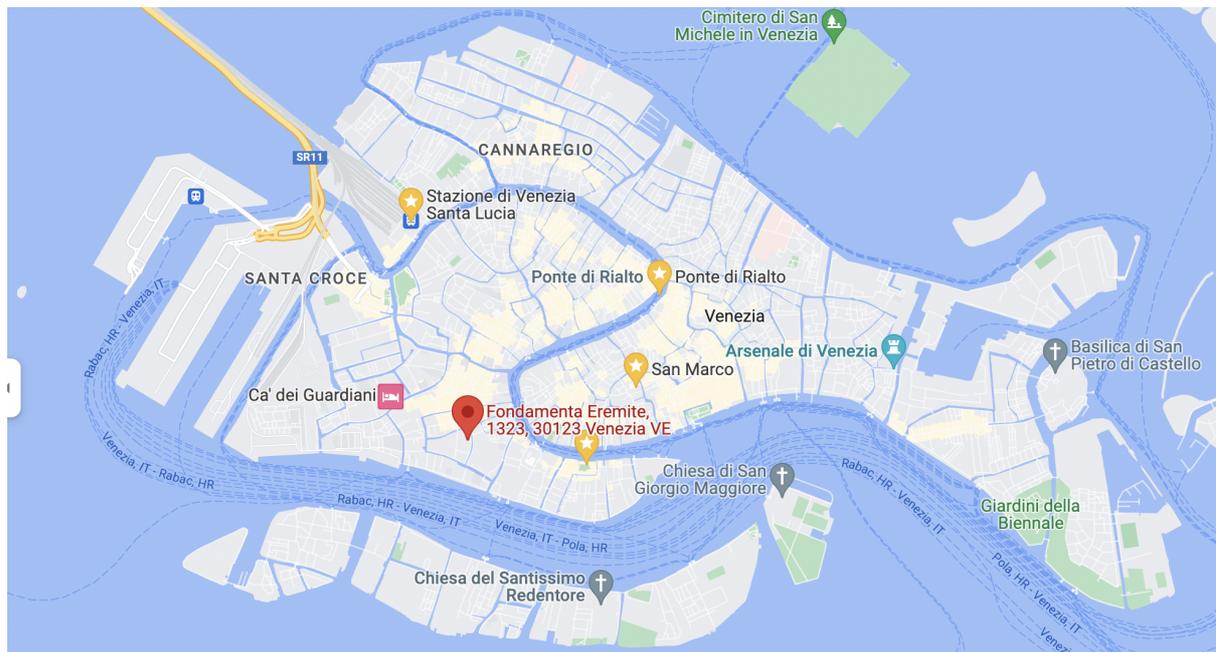
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Summer School Venue

All the activities of the Summer School will take place at the Istituto Canossiano San Trovaso.

The Istituto Canossiano San Trovaso is located at Fondamenta Eremita, 1323, Venezia.



From **Venice Airport** there are two lines that connect Venice Airport with Venice Piazzale Roma, namely:

- **ATVO line 35** (every 30 minutes)
- **ACTV line 5** (every 15 minutes)

For both you need a ticket for about € 10, which you can buy at the airport.

Once in **Piazzale Roma** there are several ways to reach the Istituto Canossiano.

- It's a 14-minute walk from Piazzale Roma to the Istituto Canossiano, so if you are traveling light, this might be an option.
- Otherwise, there is the water bus that leaves from Piazzale Roma (landing B). Take **line 6** towards Lido and get off at the 2nd stop, San Basilio. From there it is a 5 minute walk to the Istituto. You can buy the ticket for the water bus at the airport, in Piazzale Roma, both at the ticket machines and at the "Venezia Unica" offices. The basic ticket for 75 minutes costs about € 7,50- € 9,50.

- Finally, there is the water cab that you can take at Piazzale Roma, which costs about € 65- € 100.

SUMMER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Most of the Summer School activities take place in the Blue room.

The afternoon workshops on September 19, 20 and 21 will be held in Room Red, Room Maddalena, and Room Bakhita.

ACCOMODATION

You will be accommodated in the same place in a double or triple room.

Please note that Istituto will be closed at night from 24.00 to 6.00 in the morning.

In the rooms it is not allowed to smoke, consume food and use various types of electric cookers.

DISTANCES

Distance from Istituto Canossiano San Trovaso to:

Train Station: 18 minutes walk

San Marco: 14 minutes walk

Rialto: 20 minutes walk

Campo St. Margherita: 6 minutes walk

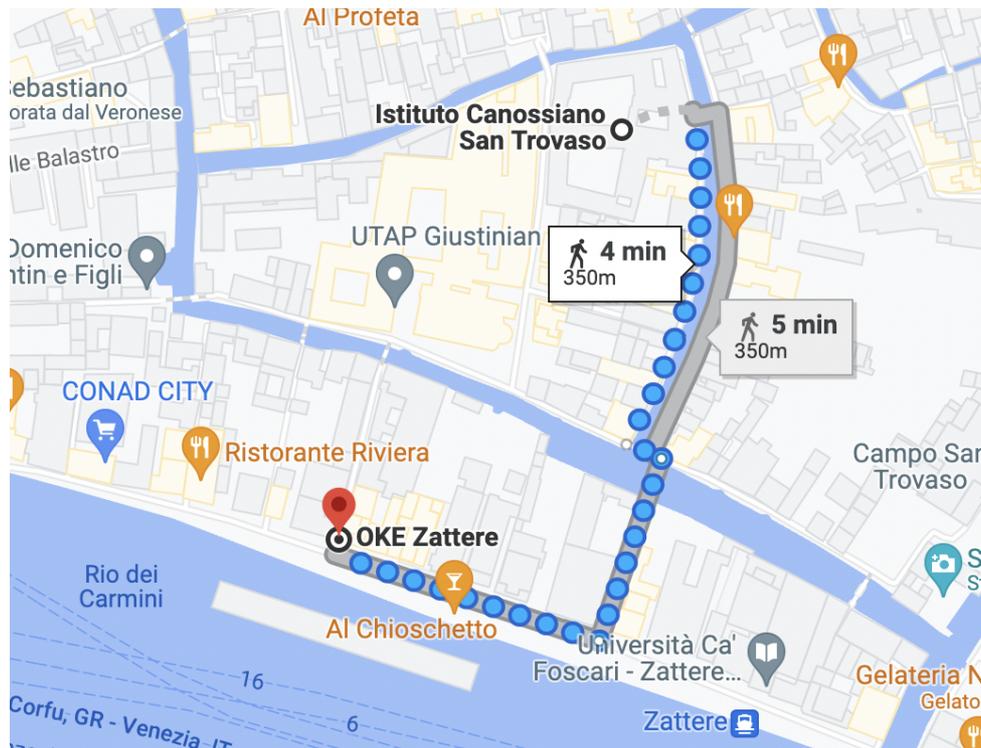
Lunch Venue:

Lunch will be provided free of charge at the "Oke Restaurant", based on a set menu that will be announced in advance.

For those who have reported food restrictions or allergies, an alternative meal may be requested.

Lunch will be provided every day at 13:00

Oke Restaurant is 4 minutes walk from Istituto Canossiano.



Dinner Venue

Dinner is not covered by the Summer School, but there are some options near the Institute.

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you need any special advice.

1) Ae Oke Zattere

The restaurant where you will have lunch offers a discounted menu for dinner for €13 for all Summer School participants.

Please note that your status as a Summer School participant must be indicated before ordering your meal.

Distance: 4 minutes walk

Address: OKE Zattere, Sestiere Dorsoduro, 1414

Opening time: Everyday 11:30–15:30, 18:30–23

2) Al Profeta

Restaurant and pizzeria, average prices per person for dinner from € 20 upwards.

Distance: 3 minutes walk

Address: Al Profeta, C. Lunga S. Barnaba, 2671

Opening time: Everyday 12–14:30, 18:30–22:30

3) Orient Experience

Middle Eastern fusion restaurant, prices between € 15 and € 25 depending on the menu chosen.

Distance: 6 minutes walk

Address: Orient Experience, Sestiere Dorsoduro, 2920

Opening time: Monday-Sunday: 12:00 – 00:00

Friday and Saturday dining time; 1st from 19:30 to 21:30; 2nd from 21:30 to 23:30

4) Agli Artisti

Osteria and Enoteca, average prices per person for dinner from € 20 upwards.

Distance: 2 minutes walk

Address: Ai Artisti, C. Lunga S. Barnaba, 2771

Opening time: Tuesday-Saturday 12:45–14:45, 19–22. Closed on Sunday and Monday,

How to Move Around Venice

If you do not plan to visit islands (e.g. Burano, Murano, Torcello), you usually do not need to buy a water bus ticket, as it takes you a maximum of 1 hour to walk from one end of Venice to the other.

Taking the water bus is more convenient, especially when it rains, but it usually takes almost the same amount of time as walking.

If you want to buy a water bus ticket, you have several options:

Buying single tickets: 75 minute costs €7,50-€9,50

Buying Day pass: 1-Day pass €25, 2-day pass €35, 3-day pass €45; if you are under 29 years old, you can apply for a pass for €33 (Rolling Venice + 3 days), 7 days pass €65.

Please note that a special ticket is required for the **bus from/to Venice airport to the city**, which costs €10.

You can buy a round trip ticket for €18.

There are several places where you can buy these tickets. To learn more and check the different lines and the timetable visit : <https://actv.avmspa.it/en/>

There is also an app for Venetian Water Bus called AVM.

If you wish to use a Water Bus make sure to check the number of the line and the direction, as the same number may go to different directions.

Also, consider that water taxi prices in Venice are quite expensive and cost €50 upwards per route..

Useful Contacts

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Italian Emergency Number

112: Carabinieri and Police

118: Medical Emergency

Partner institutions

The Summer School is part of a series of interlinked events on social movements in Southeast Asia, organized by a network of academic, research, and public institutions, including:

- Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Department of Asian and North African Studies
- Marco Polo Center for Global Europe-Asia Connections

- ALTERSEA – Observatory of Political Alternatives in Southeast Asia
- LP3ES
- ISMEO - Associazione internazionale di studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente
- ITASEAS – Italian Association of Southeast Asian Studies [ITA]
- SEA Junction
- SHAPE SEA
- Universitas Diponegoro

