



Glocal Perspectives on EMI Students: Italy and Beyond

November 10th, 2025
from 14:00 to 18:30
Ca' Bernardo – sala B
Dorsoduro 3199, Venezia

The seminar aims to critically and comparatively explore the experiences of students engaged in English-Medium Instruction (EMI) within higher education, with a specific focus on the glocal dimension, that is, the interplay between local practices and global trends in academic contexts. The primary objective of the seminar is to foster dialogue and collaboration among all members of the academic community, faculty, students, researchers, and staff, encouraging reflection on how to enhance EMI-related practices and policies, with a special focus on student well-being and academic success.

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Conference booklet:

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Programme

14:00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

14:15

Sarah Hopkyns (University of St Andrews) and
Kay Gallagher (Emirates College of Advance Education)
- *The EME Phenomenon: Perspectives from Global
Leaders of English Language Education*

14:35

Stefania Cicillini (University of Torino) online - *From
policy to practice: what EMI means for students'
language improvement*

14:55

Katherine Ackerley and **Fiona Clare Dalziel** (University
of Padova) - *Memorisation or dialogic co-construction
of knowledge: Students' views of local assessment
practices in EMI*

15:15

Anna Dillon (University of Ljubljana) and **Geraldine Chell**
(University of Turku) - *Academic writing retreats for
multilingual graduate students: insights from Finland
and the UAE*

15:35-16:00

Coffee break

16:00

Elena Borsetto (University of Verona) - *Global EMI
practices through local student experiences: a needs
analysis of first-year students in the medical field*

16:20

Marcella Menegale (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
- *Students' perceptions on intercultural competence
development in English-Medium Instruction*

16:40

Olivia Mair (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) -
*Living and learning in English-medium Education in Italy.
International students' experiences in their first few
months.*

17:00

Round table with EMI students

17:20

Closing remarks