Friday 19 November 2010, 10.30 am

Room F. Bartolini, Central Pavilion, Giardini della Biennale

The Safeguard of Cultural Heritage

Why the health of the Venice Lagoon has implications for the City's Heritage

Jane da Mosto, British Pavilion, XII Venice Architecture Biennale

Discussant: Stefania Tonin, IUAV researcher in Economics of Sustainable Development

The event will be held in the framework of the project Destination Biennale di Venezia: Universities meet in architecture

Jane da Mosto will talk about the connections between processes and conditions in the Venice

Lagoon and their effects on the city, past present and future.

Jane da Mosto is an Environmental scientist (MA, Oxford University, MSc Imperial College) and international consultant on sustainable development in the broadest sense.

The lecture will be in English.

Wednesday 1 December 2010, 5.30 pm

Room 9A, Venice International University, Island of San Servolo

Muslims and Modernity

Herman Beck, Tilburg University

Discussant: Barbara De Poli, Professor of Contemporary History of Islamic Countries at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

Herman Beck shall analyze and challenge the statement, frequently put forward in the West, that Islam and modernity are incompatible.

Herman Beck from Tilburg University is Professor of Transnational Muslim Movements and Islam and the Making of Europe at Venice International University.

The lecture will be in English and is open to the public. A reception will follow.