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## **Venice International University (VIU)**

Venice International University is an association constituted of the following members:

**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**, Barcelona, Spain

**Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia**, Venice, Italy

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina, USA

**Università Iuav di Venezia**, Venice, Italy

**Ludwig Maximilians Universität**, Munich, Germany

**Tel Aviv University**, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Waseda University**, Tokyo, Japan

**Provincia di Venezia**, Venice, Italy

**Fondazione di Venezia**, Venice, Italy

As of January 2005 Tsinghua University (Beijing, China) and the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory (IMET) will also become full members of VIU.

VIU was founded on December 15, 1995 and is located on the island of San Servolo, Venice.



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**governing bodies  
and officers**

2004 report on VIU Activities

The activities of VIU focus mainly on three areas:

**Undergraduate program**

taught by the member Universities.

All courses are taught in English and are open to students registered with any of the member Universities

**Postgraduate programs**

carried out with the contributions from the member Universities

**Research activities**

on specific internationally renowned subjects

**Advanced Training Programs**

**Conferences and workshops**

**VIU**  
**activities**

**undergraduate  
programs**

## **VIU Joint Undergraduate Program**

Each year VIU member Universities offer two joint undergraduate semesters. All courses are taught in English. Undergraduate courses are open and free of charge to all students registered at any one of the member Universities.

The semesters focus on fields of study in order to make the range of courses consistent. The Fall semester is dedicated to the Humanities, whereas the Spring semester focuses on Social Sciences. Each member University usually offers two courses, taught by members of its own teaching staff. Besides the courses offered by the seven member Universities each semester, VIU also offers three core courses: Italian for Foreigners, Italian Contemporary History and Italian History of Art and Architecture. These courses offer international students the opportunity to learn about Italy, Italian culture and history. Accommodation is available on campus for international students. Students have the opportunity to live and study in a unique academic and cultural environment.



## **Spring 2004 Semester**

**Italian Contemporary History**, Luca Pes, VIU  
**Italian for Foreigners**, beginner and Intermediate levels. Massimo Brunzin (coordinator), Elisa Fioravanti, Silvia Iommi, Michela Tommasini, VIU  
**Exploring Palladio's Work**, Paola Modesti, VIU  
**The Society of Renaissance Venice**, Ben Arbel, TAU  
**Venice and the World of International Trade**, Ben Arbel, TAU  
**Spain in the Age of Enlightenment**, Montserrat Jiménez Sureda, UAB  
**Tudor England**, Montserrat Jiménez Sureda, UAB  
**The Development of Europe**, Edward Tower, Duke University  
**The European Union in the Global Economy**, Edward Tower, Duke University  
**International Law**, Fabrizio Marrella, Ca' Foscari  
**Human rights and International human rights law**, Antonella Attardo, VIU  
**Strategic Thinking**, Marco Li Calzi, Ca' Foscari  
**Principles of Economics and the Japanese Economy**, Masahisa Hayashi, Waseda University  
**Theory and Practice of Public Finance and the Japanese Experience**, Masahisa Hayashi, Waseda University  
**Local Development Systems and Industrial Districts: Strategies and Competitiveness**, Francesco Dal Sacco, VIU  
**The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life: The Sociology of Face-to-Face Interaction**, Stefan Kühn, LMU  
**Sociology of Development. The Organizational Perspective**, Stefan Kühn, LMU

67 students from fifteen countries participated in the Spring 2004 program. In addition to the full term courses, various events and seminars were organized during the semester:



## February

Students and faculty enjoyed a guided evening tour of the Basilica di San Marco.

## March

Fabrizio Marrella invited the U.S. Consul, Mr. Douglas L. McElheney, to hold a seminar entitled:

**USA and Europe: Creating a New Era for International Cooperation.**

## April

Eli Somer, professor of clinical psychology at the University of Haifa, held a seminar entitled:

**Coping with terrorism: The Israeli Experience.**

Antonella Attardo invited Lorenza Fabretti, formerly ICPM coordinator in Sarajevo during postwar period, to hold a seminar entitled: **Missing persons, identification of corpses in mass graves and women activists seeking justice in Bosnia.**

The seminar included a screening of the video "Killing time. Women activists awaiting justice".

Edward Tower invited Vladimir Cvijanovic, of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, to hold a seminar entitled:

**Croatia's Accession into the EU: Challenges.**

Paola Modesti accompanied a group of students on a field trip to Rome.

## May

Two guest speakers addressed students of Prof. Edward Tower's courses:

Wells Tower, documentary journalist; Omer Gokcekus, Associate Professor for International Economics at the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University, Duke University, sponsored a day trip on the Venetian lagoon, which included the islands of Burano, Torcello and Sant'Erasmus.



## Fall 2004 Semester

**Italian Contemporary History**, Luca Pes, VIU

**Italian for Foreigners, beginner and intermediate levels**, Massimo Brunzin (coordinator), Elisa Fioravanti, Silvia Iommi, VIU

**Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice**, Eva Renzulli, VIU

**The Short Story**, Miriam Mandel, TAU

**Hemingway and Fitzgerald**, Miriam Mandel, TAU

**Orientalism, Colonialism and Post-Colonial Italian Literature**, Valeria Finucci, Duke University

**The Italian Theater and the Myth of Venice**, Valeria Finucci, Duke University

**Introduction to the philosophy of the Renaissance**, Eckhard Kessler, LMU

**"In life the most fitting is often preferred to the most beautiful". The Humanism of Petrarca**, Eckhard Kessler, LMU

**Narrative into Cinema, or how stories become films**, Enric Sullà, UAB

**Reading Narrative: Theory and Practical Analysis**, Enric Sullà, UAB

**Salman Rushdie: The Dilemmas of Globalization**, Shaul Bassi, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia

**"A palace and a prison": the image of Venice in British and American poetry of the 19th**

**and 20th century**, Gregory Dowling, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia

80 students from thirteen countries participated in the Fall 2004 program.

In addition to the full term courses, various events and seminars were organized during the semester:



Duke University sponsored a day trip on the Venetian Lagoon, which included the islands of Burano, Torcello and San Francesco nel Deserto.

Duke University sponsored a day trip to Vicenza and Verona.

Visit to the 19th International Architecture Exhibition.

Visit to the Venetian Ghetto museum and synagogues.

The undergraduate faculty, in cooperation with the Department of European and Postcolonial Literature, held a round table on the topic:

**Literature, Ethnicity, Communities.**

Students and faculty enjoyed a guided evening tour of the Basilica di San Marco.

VIU offered two internships in cultural mediation to students of Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia.

The interns edited *VIU Republic*, a weekly newsletter with information about events at VIU and in Venice.

They also organized various social activities and extracurricular events. Students had the opportunity to take Italian cookery classes, participate in a football tournament and take rowing lessons in the historic Bucintoro Rowing Club.

[www.univiu.org/undergraduate](http://www.univiu.org/undergraduate)



### **Intensive undergraduate programs**

#### **Duke in Venice (16 May – 26 June, 2004)**

This two-course, six-week program is designed to provide participants with the opportunity to study Venetian civilization, culture and art history.

The program is coordinated by the Department of Classical Studies. The Duke program director, Prof. Gregson Davis, taught one course: Venetian Civilization and its Mediterranean Background.

The second course, Venetian Art of the Renaissance (XVth-XVIth century) was taught by a Venetian art historian, Professor Maria Agnese Wiel.

[www.aas.duke.edu/study\\_abroad/summer/italy.php](http://www.aas.duke.edu/study_abroad/summer/italy.php)

## **Seminar courses coordinated by Ludwig Maximilians Universität**

Each intensive seminar course lasts approximately 30 hours. Each seminar is coordinated by a Professor of Ludwig Maximilians Universität.

The following seminar courses were held in 2004:

### **Spring Semester**

#### **Carnival in Venice. History and Theology of an apparent Profane Celebration**

Ludwig Mödl 21-28 February;

#### **Theories of Social Stratification. Inequality and Differentiation from a Systems-Theoretical Perspective**

Boris Holzer, Stefan Kühl, André Kieserling  
3-7 March;

#### **Intensive seminar for graduate students in the field of Modern German and European History**

Martin H. Geyer 29 March-3 April;

#### **Current problems in Corporate Law**

Horst Eidenmueller, Katja Langenbacher  
(University of Marburg) 14-16 April;

#### **Political Communication**

Hans-Bernd Brosius, Heinz Pürer 19-23 April;

#### **Excellence in Gaming Simulation**

Willy Kriz 3-8 May;

#### **Dialog systems in SLP**

#### **(Spoken Language Processing)**

Hans G. Tillmann, Christoph Draxler, Phil Hoole,  
Hartmut Pfitzinger, Klaus Schulz 11-15 May;

### **Fall Semester**

#### **Christianity and reason:**

#### **philosophy of religion from Locke to Lessing**

Jan Rohls, Faculty of Theology, Martin Mulsow  
13-17 September;

#### **The vestibular system in health and disease**

Michael Strupp 20-24 September;

#### **The varied aspects of the art of Venice: from medieval times to the 15th century**

Avinoam Shalem, Steffi Roettgen, G. Kopp-Schmidt,  
Johannes G. Deckers 27 September - 1 October;

#### **Pietro Aretino (1492-1556):**

#### **text and Venetian context**

Bernhard Huss, David Nelting 4-8 October;

#### **New Approaches to Postcolonial Studies**

Frank Heidemann, Graham Huggan 18-22 October;

#### **“Sounding Silence”:**

#### **Venice and the New Aesthetics of Musical Art**

Guenter Zoeller 25-29 October;

#### **‘Stances of Topology’ Kant, Heidegger,**

#### **Wittgenstein and Contemporary Philosophy**

Marcelo Stamm, Jeff Malpas,  
(University of Tasmania) 8-12 November;

#### **Rational choice theory in sociology: Theoretical contribution and empirical applications**

Thomas Hinz, Norman Braun 6-10 December;

[www.univiu.org/undergraduate](http://www.univiu.org/undergraduate)



**postgraduate  
programs**

### **Ph.D. Programs in cooperation with the School for Advanced Studies in Venice Foundation**

On 11 February 2003, the School for Advanced Studies in Venice Foundation (SSAV) was established by the Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Università Luav di Venezia, Venice International University (VIU) and the Fondazione di Venezia. The goal of the Foundation is to promote, develop, coordinate and finance Ph.D. programs and other advanced educational initiatives.

In particular, the Foundation will develop an advanced education environment in Venice and will work towards obtaining accreditation as a **Scuola di Dottorato di Ricerca di Alta Qualificazione**.

[www.isav.it](http://www.isav.it)

The programs are:

**Analysis and Governance for Sustainable Development**

**Economics and Organization**

**History of Architecture and of Cities,**

**Arts Science, Restoration**

All of these Ph.D. programs have scientific committees with a broad representation of international scholars, particularly from VIU's member universities.

#### **Ph.D. in Analysis and Governance for Sustainable Development**

The Ph.D. program in "Analysis and Governance for Sustainable Development" proposes in-depth training and research on sustainable development themes following an interdisciplinary approach. During the Ph.D. course, various analytical and assessment methods concerning fundamental sustainable development themes will be studied in-depth through seminars, creating a common language of the various disciplines among the candidates. The aim of the program, regarding Governance, is to gain knowledge and innovative competence in land management and international cooperation. The course will confront case studies by means of laboratories, projects and internships in various interested countries.

[www.isav.it/english/governance/index.htm](http://www.isav.it/english/governance/index.htm)



#### **Ph.D. in Economics and Organization**

The Ph.D. in Economics and Organization (DEO) is run by the School for Advanced Studies in Venice. The Doctoral Program in Economics (DEC) is run by the Department of Economics of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

These two institutions are each responsible for their own doctoral program. A cooperation agreement allows the students of DEC to access and share all activities of DEO, and vice versa. Unless explicitly stated, DEO's policies and procedures apply to DEC students.

The two doctoral programs are part of the Quantitative Economics Doctorate (Q.E.D), a programme offered jointly with six other European Institutions: University of Alicante (Spain), University of Bielefeld (Germany), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), Université de Paris I Sorbonne (France), and University of Vienna (Austria). During their first year, Q.E.D. students attend courses at their home University; in their second year, they can attend courses on advanced topics of their choice at a partner institution. Each year a meeting is organized with student and Faculty presentations from all partner Universities.

[www.isav.it/deo](http://www.isav.it/deo)

### **Ph.D. in History of Architecture and of the Cities, Arts Science, Restoration**

This program benefits from the past experience of the Università Iuav di Venezia in the Ph.D. program in History of Architecture and Urban Planning and offers three study fields in the new Ph.D. program in History of Architecture and of the Cities, Arts Science, Restoration, which reaffirms its composite and trans-disciplinary identity. The program is geared towards young scholars offering them a stimulating experience in Venice. The combination of historic research, critical analysis and conservation projects creates an environment of interaction where the potential of comparison is enhanced. In addition to specialized research in the specific disciplines, the Ph.D. program presents new questions, which are addressed through the different scientific areas in order to broaden the scope and research of new motivations and new channels. The intersection between these systems of knowledge is an important part of the program. Students carry out original research and are continuously encouraged to pursue a highly specialized focus in their chosen topic. A new school, therefore, is a new way to carry out research.

[www.isav.it/english/architecture/index.htm](http://www.isav.it/english/architecture/index.htm)

### **Master's Programs**

#### **Master in Economics and Finance**

The program is a "second level" graduate program (in accordance with the Italian university system) of the Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia. The first edition of the Master's Program ended on July 1, 2004.

The Program was attended by graduates from different countries and on July 1 fourteen students were awarded with a Master's Degree, six of whom with honours. On September 27 the second edition of the program started and will end in July 2005. The Master is intended for Italian graduates with a specialist degree (*laurea specialistica*) in accordance with the new Italian University system, or a four-year degree in accordance with the previous Italian University system, obtained up to the 2005/2006 academic year, or for foreign students holding an equivalent university qualification. The objective of the Master is to train students to acquire a deeper and more sophisticated knowledge of the economic analysis of markets and financial institutions.

The primary function of the Master is to facilitate the entry of students into the domestic and international labour market by providing them with the most recent investigation tools, at both theoretical and applied level, thus preparing specialists in the fields of analysis of financial markets, risk management, banking and corporate finance.

The courses are held in English, so that the didactic and scientific work can adopt a more international approach: there is concrete interaction between Italian and non-Italian students and an international teaching staff.

The training activities are divided into three terms: September-December, January-March and April-June. They involve classroom lectures, interactive didactics, exercises, seminars, practical training sessions and the preparation of a final paper.

Courses: Mathematics, Econometrics, Topics in Macroeconomics, Topics in Macroeconomics, Quantitative Methods for Finance, Banking and Introductory Corporate Finance, Corporate Finance, Financial Markets, Analysis and Prediction of Financial Data, Financial Institutions, International Finance, Risk Management.





The program is organized by the International Center of Economics and Finance (ICEF). ICEF is a postgraduate and research center which was constituted within VIU in 1997.

The mission of the Center is to organize and promote advanced training and research activities in the field of political economy, aiming at young graduates who seek to acquire a specialized training in the theory and management of financial markets, as well as young professionals at the beginning of their career in the financial services sector or in the finance function of business companies.

The Program Faculty includes highly successful professors and professionals recruited from international academic institutions as well as from business organizations operating in the financial sector.

ICEF has organized eight Master's Programs since 1998.

The program is sponsored by:

**Fondazione di Venezia**

**[www.sanmarcohotels.com](http://www.sanmarcohotels.com)**

**Mobiliare Veneta Spa**

**Venice International University**

**[www.univiu.org/graduate](http://www.univiu.org/graduate)**

### **Master's Program: Crossing the Mediterranean: cultural mediation towards investment and integration (MIM)**

It is a one-year, three-term European Master's Program sponsored by the European Union, Socrates program, in cooperation with the Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, the Universidad Autònoma de Madrid, the Université de Montpellier and the CERISDI Centre of Palermo, Italy.

During each of the three terms students and lecturers work in Madrid, Venice and Montpellier or Palermo respectively. The program at the Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia focuses on Islamic Studies, Economics of the Near East and Israel. The University of Madrid focuses on Morocco and the Maghreb, the University of Montpellier on Social Psychology and Social Intermediation. Students are required to complete their Master's program with a three/four month internship in relevant companies or institutions operating in Europe and in the Near East/Maghreb.

The Program Faculty is recruited from the Universities involved in the organization of the Program.

The Master's Scientific Committee members (for the Venice module) are: Emanuela Trevisan Semi, coordinator of the Program, Gianpiero Bellingeri, Angelo Scarabel, Claudio Minca, Gabriele Zanetto.

<http://venus.unive.it/migrante>



## **Intensive postgraduate programs**

### **Summer schools**

#### **Advanced Seminar in the Humanities**

**2004 – 2005 Literature and Culture**

**in the Ancient Mediterranean:**

**Greece, Rome, and the Near East**

**Venice International University**

**(February 16-28, 2004)**

The program is supported by the Fondazione di Venezia, and is organized by Professors Ettore Cingano and Lucio Milano of the Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia.

The aim of the program is firstly to investigate the relationship between the themes, motifs and structures of the texts, starting with the early examples of epic poetry and wisdom literature; secondly to examine the processes involved in their transmission and preservation in both oral and written forms. Themes common to the history of literate cultures will also be reviewed. Examples of such themes include textual tradition, the creation and organization of libraries, the classification of genres, and the relationship between literature and politics.

The program is conceived as a two year commitment over two successive years (2004 and 2005). During this first session (February 2004), the graduate scholars identified a research project related to their own scholarly interests. The scholars will present their projects to the reassembled group in May 2005.

Summer Institute in the Humanities on The Venetian Renaissance: Tradition and the Circulation of Knowledge (July 11-17, 2004)

The program is supported by the Gladys Kriehle Delmas Foundation, and is organized by Professors Donatella Calabi of the Università Luav di Venezia, and Caroline Bruzelius of Duke University.

The program was conceived as a two year commitment over the successive summers of 2003 and 2004. During the first session (July 2003), the graduate scholars identified a research project connecting some aspects of Venetian culture with their own scholarly interests and research.

The scholars presented their projects to the reassembled group in July 2004.

[www.univiu.org/past/03summer.htm](http://www.univiu.org/past/03summer.htm)

#### **CESifo Venice Summer Institute 2004**

CESifo's fifth Summer Institute was held from 19 to 24 July 2004

Six workshops focussed on:

The Revival of Aggregate Demand Management

Policies: Back to Keynes?

Behavioral Public Economics

Recent Developments in Antitrust Analysis

Dissecting Globalization

Growth and Institutions

Policy Analysis With Numerical Models

[www.cesifo.de/venice](http://www.cesifo.de/venice)

#### **EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer School on *Dynamic Models in Economics and the Environment* July 1-7, 2004**

The theme of this year's Summer School was Dynamic Models in Economics and the Environment.

Many areas in environmental economics are dynamic in nature and require dynamic modelling in their analyses. Examples are growth and environment, resource economics, stock pollution and intertemporal welfare. The lecturers of this year's School were experts in these fields.

They presented state-of-the-art lectures on recent developments and gave feedback to new research.

The aims of the EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer School are to provide advanced training for European postgraduate students in Environmental and Resource Economics by bringing together postgraduate students with leading researchers to teach the latest developments in their field of specialization.

[www.feem.it/ess04](http://www.feem.it/ess04)

**research  
activities**

## **TeDIS – Center for studies on Technologies for Distributed Intelligence Systems**

TeDIS has been carrying out research since 1999 when it was founded within VIU as a research and training center.

The center focuses its activities on two separate and at the same time complementary themes: on one hand its aim is to provide specific competence in the study of the impact of the new technologies of information and communication, as a new instrument for the development of small enterprises; on the other hand it refers to the potential of the web in the redefinition of the innovation mechanism, developing innovative methodologies for distance learning and collaborative learning.

The guidelines of the Center are defined by a Scientific Committee, whose members are representatives from each VIU member University, and by a Management Committee, whose members are representatives from each company supporting the Center.



## **Research activities carried out by the Center Enterprises, Industrial District and Network Technologies**

TeDIS research focuses on the analysis of Italian Industrial Districts and SMEs and aims at identifying the specific traits of their world-wide competitiveness in order to replicate the model in other countries, particularly in Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean. The centre develops three main research perspectives:

- the impact of ICT on, local clusters
- the process of SME's internationalization
- the role of design and creativity in the firm and at the local community level.

For each of these research perspectives, the center has developed a systematic procedure for data acquisition and elaboration, a case study evaluation methodology based on focus groups and workshops, interactive relationships with firms and communities of professionals active in the most dynamic industrial clusters.

### **Network technologies and industrial districts**

Study of Industrial Districts and SMEs embedded in local manufacturing contexts and their evolution process in relation to Network Technologies. The objective of the research is to analyze the level of convergence between the district economic model of development and ICT opportunities.

Research program in details:

1 **The TeDIS Survey**, a consolidated research program that analyzes the diffusion of network technologies within the Italian Industrial Districts according to a quantitative approach.

[www.univiu.org/tedis/survey.htm](http://www.univiu.org/tedis/survey.htm)

2 **Enterprise evolution models in the net economy**, the new research project that investigates the structural characteristics of the convergence process between enterprises and new technologies in order to delineate the model of the network enterprise as an emerging form of production organization.

[www.univiu.org/tedis/network.htm](http://www.univiu.org/tedis/network.htm)

### **SMEs, local clusters and internationalization**

Based on innovative research methodologies that couple macro-economic analyses, surveys and case

studies together, the goal of the TeDIS study program is to describe and to analyze the internationalization trends of Italian SMEs and local manufacturing systems within the scenario of global economy. ([www.univiu.org/internaz.htm](http://www.univiu.org/internaz.htm))

The aim of the study is twofold:

- 1 to better explain the evolution of district firms and the sustainability of the Italian industrial districts and related specialized industrial areas;
- 2 to better understand the conditions for promoting district manufacturing system outside Italy, as a successful model of economic development.

### **Creative territories and innovation**

Innovation and creativity are key elements in order to sustain the firm's competitive advantage in a global economy. Many scholars pointed out that creativity and innovation are individual as well as social phenomena. In particular, specific territories seems to convey creativity and innovation as areas where different and creative people live together. Using research methods coming from social sciences (ethnographies, interviews, surveys) the study program aims at understanding:

- 1 the role of territory in supporting and delivering creativity as a resource for local enterprises;
- 2 how creativity takes place and can be enhanced inside the organization;
- 3 how firms can gather value from creativity both coming from inside and outside (territory);
- 4 the importance and the role of technology in sustaining and delivering creativity and innovation.

### **Ekmdicamo [www.ekmdicamo.org](http://www.ekmdicamo.org)**

Under the Creativity, Territories and innovation research area, TeDIS participates in the ekmdicamo project (Italian acronym for electronic knowledge management in sportsware industrial district of Montebelluna).

This project is co-financed by Regione Veneto and Chamber of Commerce of Treviso and is coordinated by Treviso Tecnologia.

The project aims at developing and consolidating a community of designers and creative people within the province of Treviso and within the

sportswear district of Montebelluna. In particular, ekmdicamo wants to foster the aggregation of designers and creative people and increase the visibility of these professional figures both at local and national/international level. New technologies play a key role in the project.

A Web portal has been developed in order to make it easier for designers to meet each other and exchange experience and knowledge. Moreover, the portal wants to be the place where designers have the opportunity to post their works and portfolios and establish connections with local enterprises.

### **Open Source and SMEs**

The increasing adoption of open source software such as Linux and Apache pointed out the relevance of the open source phenomenon as an alternative (to closed source and proprietary system) and effective model for developing software.

The achievement of this new model seems to have a great impact in the ICT sector and has potentially the capability of changing the way software is produced and distributed.

The Open Source and SMEs research area aims at analyzing the evolution of ICT sector due to the diffusion of open source software and at deepening how open source could improve the technology base of Italian SMEs.

In this regard, we carried out research, in collaboration with Sun Microsystems Italy, in order to analyze the diffusion of Open Source Software. This research has been the starting point of the development of a new project named **Java Open Business** ([www.javaopenbusiness.it](http://www.javaopenbusiness.it)) and led by Sun Microsystems Italy. This project explicitly aims at fostering the adoption of Open Source Software among Italian SMEs.

### **TeDIS eLearning Project**

The aim of this project is to explore the scenario of distance learning and methodologies at an international level, focusing on the ways New Technologies are used in education. The project will develop a web site and create a library of web tools that have been used in several courses.

[www.univiu.org/tedis/research.htm](http://www.univiu.org/tedis/research.htm)

**International programs carried out by the Center:**

**MIGREST Project**

[www.migrest.net](http://www.migrest.net)

The project target will focus on the selection and training of a new professional figure – the Migration Officer (MO) – who will provide technical assistance to satisfy the third priority indicated by the call for proposals. The project is expected to create a context in which the MOs help the immigrants in an effective way so that they can benefit from real socio-economic integration in the cross-border regions. The cross-border authorities will therefore acquire the adequate structures and tools for managing the administrative effects caused by enlargement from the point of view of migrant flows.

**Project leader:**

Regione Veneto, Direzione Programmi Comunitari

**Partners:**

Venice International University, Unioncamere Veneto, Centro Estero Veneto, Municipality of Thessaloniki - Greece



**INTERREG – In.De Information Development**

<http://inde.tvtecnologia.it>

The project idea aims to promote co-operation between EU countries currently facing the challenge of membership and third countries whose stabilization is of increasing importance for the European Economic Space.

The emergence of information society is currently the most significant phenomenon reshaping the territorial competitiveness: therefore the decision was to set up a project for improving and extending ICT networks over the Adriatic – Danubian area of CADSES. Though the ACs have recently experienced a remarkable catch-up process as far as extension and use of ICT are concerned, it is clearly visible that the diffusion of this technology into the more remote parts of a country requires a bundle of supporting strategies ranging from the provision of infrastructure facilities to adequate training supply.

**Project leader:**

Veneto Union of Chambers of Commerce

**Partners:**

Venice International University, Special Agency of Chamber of Commerce of Treviso \_ Treviso Tecnologia, Province of Vicenza, Service and documentation Centre for International Economic Cooperation IAL of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Province of Trento, Mind Consult & Research, Center of Euro-Mediterranean Regions for the Environment (KEPEMEP-MedRegio), Small Business Development Center – EIC, Ljubiana Croatian Chamber of Economy – EIC, Zagreb Republic Development Bureau-Croatia

**CACAK – Training and consultancy project aimed at the entrepreneur community of the Cacak Area – Serbia – (Law 212/92)**

The project aims at activating institutional and consultant aid oriented to the Serbian private sector through the cooperation between the North-East of Italy and the Serbian Cacak area. The Cacak municipality will be offered courses and training activities regarding the development policies and company organization and management, together with consultancy assistance. The project will last 18 months starting from April 2003. Expected results of the project: guidelines to encourage the potential development of the area; attract international investment; encourage the development of local companies; creation of technological infrastructures in order to improve the communication efficiency; promote cooperation with Italian companies.

**Project leader:**

Fondazione di Venezia

**Partners:**

Venice International University, Cacak Municipality, EIC Italia, EIC Jugoslavia, Gallo ECF

**RADAR – Creative Human Lab in European Cities**

[www.radarlab.net](http://www.radarlab.net)

Culture 2000 Framework Program – With the support of the Culture 2000 programme of the European Union

The main purpose of the Radar project is to was elaborate a European model for cities to promote integration among different social categories and inclusion of marginalized groups and individuals through dissemination of digital modern visual arts which have a great potential for the development of communication actions. The project lasted 27 months starting from October 1, 2002

**Project coordinator:**

Venice International University

**Co-organizers:**

Municipality of Venice – Italy, Malopolski Osrodek Kultury – Poland, Fashion Nation Venice Snc – Italy, Municipality of Athens – Greece, Plovdiv Municipality – Bulgaria, Municipality of London, Lewisham – UK, Weimar University – Germany

**@LFA Latin America Academic Training**

[www.oaid.uab.es/alfa](http://www.oaid.uab.es/alfa)

**Exchange Program between Universities of the European Union and Latin America**

The aim of the project is to develop an international research community specializing in the field of local economic development, industrial districts and small businesses, through the support of innovative technological solutions in the process of knowledge sharing and skill acquisition.

The training program is oriented to improve professional competencies of young researchers in the new scenario of information society, on the basis of online activities, international events as well as on-site research. Integration among Universities, research institutions and economic players across countries is also perceived both in terms of academic offer improvement, and of research and economic cooperation. The project will last 24 months.

**Project co-ordinator:**

Università Ca' Foscari – Italy

**Co-organizers:**

Venice International University – Italy, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona – Spain, Ludwig Maximilians Universität – Germany, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – Brazil, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento – Argentina, Pontificia Universidad Católica – Chile

The program is supported by Provincia di Venezia and by the Municipality of Venice

**Conferences organized by the center**

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## **Thematic Environmental Network Center (TEN)**

TEN is a research and education center which was constituted within VIU in 2001. The TEN center co-ordinates and supports research on environmental themes at an international level. It aims to address established needs to acquire and exchange knowledge on the management of environmental issues. The TEN Center co-ordinates international networks for research and for dissemination of knowledge and expertise on environmental issues. Members of such networks are research institutes, governmental and local authorities with responsibilities in the environmental field, others with an interest in issues related to environmental management.

In particular, TEN aims to:

- facilitate dialogue between problem owners and problem solvers, towards innovative tools and approaches to solve environmental issues
- provide a platform where problem owners can meet and communicate with problem solvers
- co-ordinate research activities driven by the management needs of problem owners
- disseminate information and knowledge among researchers, environmental problem owners, relevant authorities at local, national and international level, and others.

This can be achieved, for instance, through the publication of research results, by TEN or connected networks, or by promoting meetings, conferences, seminars etc. inform non-specialized audiences through the media, meetings, events, etc.

Since 2002, TEN has co-ordinated the work of the **European Sediment Research Network – SedNet**.

The mission of **SedNet** is to be a European network for environmentally, socially and economically viable practices of sediment management on river basin scales.

**SedNet** was established to help to structure and facilitate a European approach on this issue.

**SedNet** was funded for 3 years as a Thematic Network project by the European Union under the Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development programme and within the area of “Abatement of water pollution from contaminated land, landfills and sediments”.

**SedNet**, amongst other things, organises conferences and workshops where those responsible for the management of river sediments and dredged material can meet the experts, who provide them with the required management tools, technologies and expertise.

The knowledge thus gathered is being cumulated into a book of guidelines titled “Contaminated Sediments in European River Basins”.

The activities of this network developed over 3 years of EU funding, starting in early 2002. This period has come to an end at the close of 2004, and culminated in a final **SedNet** conference which was held at Venice International University on November 25 and 26, and was coordinated by the TEN Center.

The final **SedNet** conference was a mediatic success, and brought the problem of contaminated sediments onto the agenda and into public opinion: a draft copy of the **SedNet** guidelines was brought by a dutch swimmer who climbed out of the lagoonal waters at San Servolo and was handed over to a representative of the EU in front of journalists and photographers.

For more information, please visit the **SedNet** website: [www.sednet.org](http://www.sednet.org)



**advanced training  
programs**

## **Sustainable Development and Environmental Management**

### **Advanced Training Program**

In 2003, Venice International University inaugurated the *Sustainable Development and Environmental Management Advanced Training Program*. This program offers training courses for government officials, professors and experts from the People's Republic of China and Eastern European Countries.

The program is supported by the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory (IMET) and carried out in cooperation with Agroinnova of the University of Turin.

The core aim of the training program is to promote capacity building among Chinese and East European key senior government officials involved in the process of policy making, in order to foster a sustainable approach to environmental, social and economic issues. The exchange of knowledge and experience on best available technologies and practices is an important feature of the program. This is a long-term project that focuses on the role of managers who will be active and responsible for a global approach to sustainable development and environmental protection.

The training courses are structured as a set of two-week modules. Each module concentrates on a specific field of study. Comprehensively they cover a broad spectrum of topics: Water Pollution, Waste Management, Energy Efficiency, Urban Sustainable Development and Eco-building, Air Pollution & ITS, Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Resources, Environmental Policy, Clean Development Mechanism, Ecological Industrial Development and Policy and Governance of Sustainable Development. Trainees examine theoretical issues and case studies.

Lectures are held by professors from Italian and international universities, experts from the Ministry of the Environment and Italian and European Research centers, professionals from the private sector, and also representatives from International agencies such as UNDP, UNIDO and UNEP.

Lectures are complemented by a series of site visits which are made possible by the generous contribution of the following Italian organizations: ARPAV, Consorzio Venezia Nuova, Enel, Thetis, Unindustria, VEGA, Venice Port Authority, Venice Water Authority, VESTA.

The Program is divided into two sections:

- **Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection – Advanced Training Program**
- **Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies, Policies and Actions for Central and Eastern Europe**



**Sino-Italian Cooperation Program  
for Environmental Protection – Advanced Training  
Program (SICP)**

These training courses are organized within the framework of the *Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection* of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory, in collaboration with the State Environmental Protection Administration of China (SEPA) and the Italian Trade Commission of Beijing (ICE Beijing). In September 2002, the SICP was presented at the Johannesburg World Summit as part of the United Nations Agreements and International Protocols for Sustainable Development.

During the 2003-2004 academic year the following Chinese institutions participated in seven training modules:

- Ministry of Science and Technology of China (MOST)
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

For the 2004-2005 academic year the following institutions joined the program and will participate in twenty training modules.

- State Environmental Protection Administration of China (SEPA)
- Beijing Municipal Environment Protection Bureau (BJEPB)
- Shanghai Municipal Environment Protection Bureau (SEPB)

In the first year, 300 Chinese experts participated in the program which took place at Venice International University.

The success of the first year has resulted in an increase to 700 participants for 2004-2005. The program has been developed to include scientific activities in Rome (courtesy of the Ministry of the Environment and Territory), and in Turin (courtesy of Agroinnova, University of Turin), as well as at Venice International University, where the core activities take place.



**Course for Sustainability: Strategies,  
Methodologies, Policies and Actions  
for Central and Eastern Europe**

This part of the program is organized in collaboration with the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) and Central European University (CEU).

This single course is articulated in five sections, two of which are compulsory. The participants choose a third section from the remaining three according to their specific field of interest.

During the 2003-2004 academic year six Central and Eastern European countries participated in the program: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovenia.

The success of the first edition led to the addition of Serbia-Montenegro and Turkey for the 2004-2005 program.

The course enables participants to join a high-level network of Central Eastern European government officials responsible for policy making and for development of different approaches to sustainability.

[www.univiu.org/training](http://www.univiu.org/training)

**conferences  
and workshops**

## **Conferences and workshops organized in cooperation with VIU**

### **Master in Europrogettazione**

AICCRE

March 8-12, 2004

### **“Quantitative Cerebral Perfusion Imaging using MRI: A Critical Perspective”**

**Proposed by the ISMRM Diffusion & Perfusion  
Study Group**

ISNV

March 21-23, 2004

### **4° Corso Intensivo Sindromi Epilettiche e Discussione Critica di Casi Clinici**

ISNV

March 29-30, 2004

### **Urban and Environmental Simulation**

Tel Aviv University

April 3-4, 2004

### **Logic in Computer Science**

LMU

April 5-8, 2004

### **Dynamics and inertia in the Italian labour market and policy evaluation (databases, measurement issues, substantive analyses)**

Università degli Studi di Padova

April 15-17, 2004

### **America: A Work in Progress**

Embassy of the United States of America

April 30-May 1, 2004

### **Riunione semestrale del progetto**

#### **Alpencors sul Corridoio V**

Regione Veneto

June 3-4, 2004

### **VIU history workshop: *Trade, colonies and intercultural contacts in the Venetian World, 1400-1650***

May 27-28, 2004

### **Representation theory and Complex Analysis**

Fondazione C.I.M.E.

June 10-17, 2004

### **Global Computing: Joint MyThS/MIKADO/DART Workshop**

Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia,

Dipartimento di Informatica

June 14-16, 2004

### **Le politiche per l'internazionalizzazione produttiva**

FORMEZ, progetto POINT – Venice International

University

June 18, 2004

### **13th European Workshop on General Equilibrium Theory**

Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia

June 19-21, 2004

### **Corso sulle Epilessie**

Accademia Nazionale di Medicina

June 25-26, 2004

### **Scuola Nazionale di Chimica Organometallica**

Società Chimica Italiana

June 27-July 1, 2004

### **Scuola in Gestione e Rendicontazione**

AICCRE

June 28-July 2, 2004



**World Clio Conference**

Cliometric Society  
July 8-11, 2004

**International Course: Epilepsy in children:  
neurobiological, clinical and therapeutic approach**

ISNV – International League Against Epilepsy  
July 11-22, 2004

**Bioflow conference: “From Flume to Field”**

School of Ocean and Earth Science – University  
of Southampton  
August 22-26, 2004

**Special Topic Course: Venice and Italy  
in the Age of the Renaissance.****Culture, Economy and Society**

National University of Ireland  
August 28 – September 5, 2004

**Erwit Symposia**

CEPR  
September 2-5, 2004

**Electrical and Mechanical Properties  
of Nanowires**

Albert Ludwig Univeristaet  
September 5-11, 2004

**XIV annual symposium of the child neurology  
section:****Neurobiology of ADHD**

International School of Neurological Sciences  
September 11, 2004

**2nd AAP2020 Forum**

Adriatic Action Plan Project co-financed  
by Interreg IIIC EST  
September 18, 2004

**VII Congresso SIMAI Modelli e metodi matematici  
applicati all’industria, alla tecnologia,  
alla biologia, alla finanza, all’ambiente**

SIMAI  
September 20-24, 2004

**CENS Workshop**

Center for Nanoscience  
September 27 – October 1, 2004

**Culture and the Decline of Fertility:  
Religious Norms, Education, and the Changing  
Status of Women**

Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia  
October 15-16, 2004

**Master in Europrogettazione**

AICCRE  
October 18-22, 2004

**US-Italy Joint Meeting on Climate Change  
Research & Technology**

FEEM  
October 20-21, 2004

**Donor's Workshop on Iraq Marshland Restoration  
and Sustainable Natural Resource Management**

Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory  
October 24-25, 2004

**Conferenza Moig**

ENI  
November 8-10, 2004

**Meeting Nazionale**

Consorzio Interuniversitario Reattività Chimica  
e Catalisi  
November 18-20, 2004

**Inaugurazione della "Scuola d'Impresa"**

Fondazione per la Sussidiarietà  
November 20, 2004

**Sednet Final Conference**

TEN Center - Venice International University  
November 24-26, 2004

**Scuola di Euro-Project Management - II ed**

AICCRE  
December 13-17, 2004



