

THE ARCTIC IN VENICE

February 19, 2026

Venice International University, San Servolo Island

11.30 **Welcome address**

Umberto Vattani – President of Venice International University

11.45 Roberto Rossetto – President of the Venice Lagoon Authority

Session 1

12.00 **Italy in the Arctic: Scientific Presence, Knowledge, and Global Responsibility**

Giuliana Panieri – CNR, Director of the Institute of Polar Sciences

Why the Poles Matter

Carlo Barbante – Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Accademia dei Lincei

The Law and the Arctic: Maritime Claims and Navigational Routes

Ilaria Tani – University of Milan Bicocca

Polar Humanities

Shaul Bassi – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Session 2

13.00 Jörg Schäfer – Bordeaux University (online)

Living with Climate Change on the Arctic Coast of Russia

Valeria Vasilieva – European University of St. Petersburg

Russia and the Arctic. A Hundred Years of “Appropriation”

Andreas Renner – Ludwig Maximilian University (online)

13.45 Lunch

Session 3

14.45 *Future Challenges in Ocean Science: The Role of Polar Regions*

Mario Sprovieri – CNR (Venice), Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences

International Law and Polar Science in the Arctic: A Complementary Perspective

Fiammetta Borgia - Tor Vergata University of Rome, Director of the Italian Centre for the Law of the Sea

Venice and the Arctic: Fragile Commons at the Frontlines of Climate Change

Paolo Sommaggio – University of Padua (online)

Venice and the North Pole

Egidio Ivetic – Fondazione Cini, San Giorgio Venezia, Interdisciplinary Centre, Accademia dei Lincei

Italy and the Arctic: the values of cooperation in a rapidly changing region

Agostino Pinna – Special Envoy for the Arctic, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (online)

16.00 Coffee Break

Session 4

16.30 *From Antarctica to the Moon: Lessons for Lunar Settlements*

Giovanni Zanalda – Duke University (online)

INAF, Solaris & Space Weather from the Arctic

Roberto Ragazzoni – President of the National Institute for Astrophysics, Accademia dei Lincei

Arctic Tensions between History and Practice in Science and Space Diplomacy

David Buriqana – University of Padua

17.15 ***Quantum Technologies for the Environment: Towards a “Third Paradise”?***

Massimo Inguscio – Accademia dei Lincei

17.30 ***Closing Remarks*** Umberto Vattani – President of Venice International University

Moderator

Carmelo Marabello – Dean of Venice International University