



Venice International University
VIU Summer School
Ethics and Health Care

End of Life from a Global and Multicultural Perspective
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Guest

Michele Gazich, *artist, songwriter, poet*

Day 1 – Monday, June 15

9.00 – 9.15 | Registration

9.15 – 9.30 | Welcome and Opening remarks by VIU and Scientific Coordinator

9.30 – 11.00 | *Life Expectancy and End of Life at a Global Level: Data from the “Global Burden of Disease”*

Jürgen Maurer, *University of Lausanne*

11.00 – 11.15 | Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 | *Global Bioethics and Dialogue Between Cultures at the End of Life*

Stefano Semplici, *University of Rome Tor Vergata*

12.45 – 14.00 | Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 | *For an Intercultural and Inclusive Perspective: Transversal Ethical Values and End-of-Life Care*

Luca Scarantino, *University of Bari*

15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee break

15.45 – 17.30 | Students' presentations

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 16

9.15 – 10.45 | *End of Life in Hindu Thought*

Antonio Rigopoulos, *Ca' Foscari University of Venice*

10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 | *End of Life and Shamanism*

Stefano Beggiora, *Ca' Foscari University of Venice*

12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 | *End of Life in Christian Thought*

Carlo Casalone, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee break

15.45 – 17.30 | Students' presentations

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 17

9.15 – 10.45 | *End of Life in Buddhist Thought*

Massimo Raveri, *Ca' Foscari University of Venice*

10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 | *End of Life and Islam*

Francesca Romana Romani, *Roma Tre University*

12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 | *Cultural, Religious, and Value Conflicts Regarding End-of-Life Choices*

Roberta Sala, *San Raffaele University*

15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee break

15.45 – 17.30 | Students' presentations

Day 4 – Thursday, June 18

9.15 – 11.00 | *Unofficial Medicine and the End of Life.: The Hamer Case*

Luca Mastrantonio, *IULM University of Milan*

11.00 – 11.15 | Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 | *Science and Democracy*

Roberta Sala, *San Raffaele University*

12.45 – 14.00 | Lunch break



14.00 – 15.30 | *Guided Tour of San Servolo*

15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee break

15.45 – 17.30 | *Memories of San Servolo*

Michele Gazich, *artist, songwriter, poet*

17.30 | Summer School evaluation questionnaire

19.30 – 22.30 | Social dinner and award of diplomas



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