NILAB PROJECTS. NILE AS LABORATORY

International conference
Egypt Pavilion Projects,
La Biennale di Venezia 2023

17th July 2023
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9.30 am
NiLab Projects. Nile as Laboratory - International conference to discuss the design research exhibited in the Egypt Pavilion, 18th International Architecture Exhibition, Biennale di Venezia.

The program focuses on the presentation of the projects elaborated by the 18 groups of architects and professors, belonging to Egyptian, European and non-European universities, invited to propose design strategies along the Nile River, a paradigmatic geographical area of an identity in the history of civilization, in its cultural, scientific and humanistic aspects.

In addition to representing a critical-cognitive system of the transformations of the extraordinary places along the river in recent decades, the research focuses on possible future design scenarios capable of re-establishing identity balances between nature, artefact and history, together with architectural visions that represent new conditions of life.

The projects presented at the conference are on display until 26 November in the Egypt Pavilion of the Biennale, curated by Marina Tornatora, Ottavio Amaro, Ahmed Sami Abd Elrahman, Moataz Samir, Ghada Farouk.
9.30 Moderator

MAURO MARZO
Co-coordinator Cluster Cultland Cultural Landscapes, Università Iuav di Venezia

Welcome note by

PIERCARLO ROMAGNONI
Director Architecture and Arts Department, Università Iuav di Venezia

FRANCESCO MUSCO
Director of the Research Coordination Section, Università Iuav di Venezia

HEBA YOUSSEF
Director of the Egyptian Academy in Rome

Opening note by

AHMED SAMI ABD ELRAHMAN
MARINA TORNATORA
OTTAVIO AMARO
MOATAZ SAMIR
Curators Egypt Pavilion, 18th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia 2023

10.15 Lecture

MICHAEL JAKOB

10.15 NILAB PROJECTS.
VISIONS ALONG NILE

AGRO

AG_04 Edfu, Aswan
Reweaving Edfu

MAURO MARZO
Università Iuav di Venezia

SANDRO GRISPAN
Université Catholique de Bukavu
AG_06 Sa El Hajar, Gharbia

Egyptian Topography

LUIGI COCCIA
Università di Camerino

CLAUDIA PIRINA
Università di Udine

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NATURE

NA_01 Dahab Island, Cairo Geziret-El-Dahab for Cairo

CORNELIA REDEKER
Umeå University, Sweden

YOSRA MALEK
German University in Cairo

NA_02 Karaman Island, Sohag
A friendly giant for rebalancing nature

CRISTIAN SAMMARCO
Università La Sapienza, Roma

NA_03 Philae Island, Aswan
Axis Naturae

LORIS ROSSI
LAURA PEDATA
JOSÉ ÁNGEL HIDALGO ARELLANO
NICOLAS TURCHI
Manchester School of Architecture
Architecture Sheffield Hallam University

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UR_07 Naqada, Qena
Archi-culture

SAMAH ELKHATEEB
Ain Shams University, Cairo

UR_08 Tell El Amarna, Menia
The Two Cities

DOMENICO CHIZZONITI
Politecnico di Milano

UR_09 Downtown, Cairo
Operative Void

OTTAVIO AMARO
MARINA TORNATORA
Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria

12.40 lunch break
14.40 **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**IS_10** High Dam, Aswan
*INCLUSIONS in another world*
**LUCA GALOFARO**
Università di Camerino

**IS_11** Magra El Oyoun, Cairo
*Between the Infrastructures: Light, Water and Public Spaces*
**MARCO FERRARI**
Università Iuav di Venezia

**IS_12** El Qanater El Khayreya
*O.A.S.I. KE-MET Infrastructure of living world*
**ANGELA D’AGOSTINO**
Università Federico II, Napoli

**IN_13** Ezbet El Borg, Damietta
*City of Boats*
**GIANLUCA PELUFFO**
Università Kore, Enna

**IN_14** Naga Hamady, Qena
*Retrofitting [Industrial] Ecologies*
**BLAGOJA BAJKOVSKI**
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

**IN_15** Helwan, Cairo
*From Concrete to Nature. Green Industries Headquarters for a Renewed Development of the City*
**RICCARDO RAPPARINI**
**GIUSEPPE VERTERAME**
Università di Parma

**INDUSTRY**

**ARCHEOLOGY**

**AR_16** Abydos Temple, Sohag
*Abydos, Act of Palimpsest*
**PHILIPPE LIVENEAU**
**NOHA GAMAL**
Grenoble School of Architecture | Ain Shams University, Cairo

**AR_18** Qaitbay Citadel, Rosetta
*Floating Institution*
**ZEILA TESORIERE**
**RENO LECARDANE**
Università di Palermo

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**Final remarks and conclusion**

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**MARIO LUPANO**