

## **Human and more-than-human diversities in cities**

### **Diversités humaines et plus-qu'humaines en ville**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

University of Lausanne, Géopolis Building, Room 2227

*The general topic of this workshop is to explore the different ways in which “urban nature” is enchanted by civil and institutional action and the implications such enchantment has in terms of sustainability and its imaginaries. The different case studies contribute to obtaining a nuanced understanding of larger social and cultural dynamics around human and more-than or other-than human diversities that characterize contemporary urbanized societies.*

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## Program

Chair : **Paola JUAN**

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09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by **Irene BECCI**

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### Part 1

09:15 – 10:40 Marian BURCHARDT, discussant

**Mischa PIRAUD**

On urban hospitality: implementing Isaac Joseph's urban ecology in an action-research on religion and solidarity in Geneva.

**Kato VAN SPEYBROECK, Jacopo TARGA**

Otherring nature in urban environmental struggles: an overview from Brussels and Milan.

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10:40 – 11:00 Short coffee break

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### Part 2

11:00 – 12:30 Irene BECCI, discussant

**Mariam URDIA**

Disruption vs. protection: Urban-nature challenges and the Mtkvari river in contemporary Tbilisi.

**Uri ANSEBERG** (Zoom)

The paradox of soil pollution and nature revival in Tel-Aviv.

**Caterina BRACCHI**

A city of water: Mantua, its river and lakes through the lens of social-spatial relations.

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12:30 – 13:00 Conclusion by **Mar GRIERA**

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13:00 Lunch at Géopolis