

## **The Transformation of European Historical Shipyards and Arsenals (EHS&A).**

First Workshop, June 24 2023, 9:00-13:00

Aula 6A, Ca' Foscari University, Fondamenta S. Giobbe, 873, 30121 Venezia VE

European historical shipyards have been transformed in many ways over the centuries. As part of the programme of activities at the Austrian Pavillion of the 18<sup>th</sup> International Architecture Exhibitions (Biennale Architettura), we offer a series of workshops exploring these transformations. The first will occur on the morning of Saturday 24 June, at the facilities of Ca' Foscari University in San Giobbe, in Venice; two others will follow on 30 September and 4 November 2023. Each event will be live streamed, and everyone is welcome to join in person.

The initiative is co-organized by the Universities of Bologna and Oxford, with the collaboration of a variety of institutions involved in the transformation of individual historical shipyards and AIPAI (*Associazione Italiana per il Patrimonio Archeologico Industriale*).

These events are part of a larger research project on how transforming European historical shipyards and arsenals into heritage sites poses crucial issues for preservation, protection and use, with significant socio-economic impacts. Their changing uses—from production at first to other activities over time (e.g. exhibitions, shops, housing)—have detached them from their original meanings and imbued them with new identities that somehow co-habit with the old ones, leading to tensions between preservation and innovation. Practically, this has also brought managerial challenges far subtler than generating income and managing visitor flows: sites must trade-off the different and often conflicting priorities of preservation, productivity, housing, visitor enjoyment, community engagement, urban regeneration, etc.

For this project, we have invited experts on significant shipyards and arsenals to discuss the transformation of these sites, with particular attention to increasing public access. This will provide a unique opportunity to discuss possible developments in general, and in particular for the Venice Arsenal.

The schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop is as follows:

- 09:00-09:30 Presentation of the overall research project: rationale and goals  
Luca Zan, University of Bologna & Pegram Harrison, University of Oxford
- 09:30-10:15 The Venice Arsenal: a recap of 40 years of debate  
Luca Zan, University of Bologna
- 10:15-11:15 Portsmouth, heritage and transformation of a historical shipyard  
Karen McBride, University of Portsmouth
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:30 The La Spezia Arsenal. Ideas for a possible evolution  
Admiral Dino Nascetti
- 12:30-13:00 A first open discussion

Participation is open, without registration (both in person and online).

Live streaming link: [https://www.youtube.com/@AIPAI\\_PatrimonioIndustriale](https://www.youtube.com/@AIPAI_PatrimonioIndustriale)

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