



RIVER TALKS

PAROLES DE FLEUVES

Université d'Angers (France)
17–19 June 2026



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY:
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Day 1: Welcome & Conference Day

Wendnesday, 17 June 2026

Location: Maison de la Recherche Germaine Tillion, Université d'Angers

09:00 – 09:30

Registration & Welcome

09:30 – 10:00

Opening Remarks / Introduction

Anne-Rachel Hermetet (Université d'Angers)

Nora Pleßke (Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg)

10:00 – 11:00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Anne-Rachel Hermetet

**Water as Living Heritage: From the Orisha
Oshun to Contemporary River Rights**

Christina Horvath (Bath University)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Panel 1: Language, Songs & Cultural Mediation

Chairs: Gioia Angeletti, Anne-Rachel Hermetet, Nora Pleßke

**(Ra)Conter la Loire. Rhétoriques fluviales et
anastomoses écolinguistiques en milieu ligérien**

Anatole Danto (Tartu Ülikool)

**The Euphrates as a Cultural Generator:
Readings through Songs and Myths**

Hanan Alahmad (Magdeburg)

Le voci dei fiumi nelle opere di Giuseppe Verdi

Ivonne Begotti (Université Paris 8 Vincennes - Saint-Denis)

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00

Panel 2: Scottish Waters

Chair: Nora Pleßke

Arteries of Imagination: Examples of Writing with Rivers in Anglophone Literatures from the 19th Century to the Present

*Gioia Angeletti & Lucia Scaringella
(Università degli Studi di Parma)*

Scotland Submerged: Interrupted Rivers and Flooded Glens

Emily Alder (Edinburgh Napier University)

River of Stories: Confluence, Empire, and Literary Memory between India and Scotland

Arunima Bhattacharya (Edinburgh Napier University)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00

Panel 3: Conversation

Chair: TBA

Se mouiller avec Nos RIVIÈRES: étude d'un projet chorégraphique au fil de l'eau

*Caroline Granger & Flora Pilet
(Université de Caen Normandie)*

18:00

Evening Reading at the Maine

Location TBA

19:00

Drinks at the Maine Bank

Location TBA

20:00

Dinner

self-paid

Restaurant L'Ardoise (7 Pl. Molière, 49100 Angers)

Day 2: Creative Day - Loire at Saint Mathurin

Thursday, 18 June 2026

Location: Saint Mathurin-sur-Loire

08:30	Leaving by train
09:00	Leaving by car
11:00 – 12:00	Boat Trip Round the Loire <i>Loire Odyssee, Port Saint-Maur, 49250 La Ménitré</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break Location TBA
14:00 – 15:00	Film Screening at the Loire <i>Inondations à Chalonnes</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:30	Geopoetic Walk <i>Isabelle Trivisani-Moreau, Cristiana Oghina-Pavie, Nuscia Taïbi</i>
19:00	Return
	Free Evening



Since we will be outside a lot, please remember to bring water, comfortable shoes, and, depending on the weather, sun protection (sunscreen, headdress) and/or rain protection.

Day 3: Conference Day & Goodbye

Friday, 19 June 2026

Location: Maison de la Recherche Germaine Tillion, Université d'Angers

09:00 – 10:30

Panel 4: Contemporary Writing

Chair: Lucia Scaringella

Thinking with Rivers: Confluence, Community, and Trespass in Contemporary British Nature Writing

Dan Gander (University of Leeds)

"There's Nobody Home": Rivers of London and the Limits of Reading Fantasy Ecocritically

*Carsten Kullmann
(Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg)*

Bitter Waters – The River Mulde as a Chronotope of Depression in Bernd Wagner's *Die Sintflut von Sachsen*, Daniela Krien's *Muldental* and Tina Pruschmann's *Bittere Wasser*

Max Jokschus (Duale Hochschule Sachsen)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Panel 5: Education & Ethics

Chair: Carsten Kullmann

Learning from Rivers: Rights of Nature and the Porous Limits of the Personhood

Marina Sportelli (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès)

Water is Life: Environmental and Experiential Education at University

*Maja Antonietti & Elena Nardiello
(Università degli Studi di Parma)*

Rivers in the Age of the Anthropocene: How Water Crises Emerge and How Societies Can Confront Them

Alessio Malcevschi (Università degli Studi di Parma)



12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

Panel 6: Cinema

Chair: TBA

The Lost Language of the Rivers

Vitor dos Santos Gomes (Universidade de Évora)

Tales of the Great Rivers: A Cinematic
Comparison of the Po and Mississippi

Carlo Ugolotti (Università degli Studi di Parma)

15:00 – 15:30

Final Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

Film Screening (optional)

Film TBA

17:00

End of Conference