

Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge 3 Conference-Festival

Double Roundtable Panel By:



Humanities Across Borders program



River Cities Network

Roundtable title:

“Living with the River in African and Asian Contexts”

(Knowledge Cluster 1)

Date: 12 June 2025

Time: 11:15 to 13:00 GMT

Location: LNB-29B

Overarching Questions

- What is the extent of the ecological crisis, and in which ways does it manifest itself, and who is it affecting?
- What can be done to rediscover a co-existence with our rivers, with water, and with our ecosystems?
- What is the role for universities, schools, civil society organizations, individual citizens, as well as business in an era where governments are failing to address multiple ecological crises?
- And finally, what vocabularies and methodologies can be shared across disciplines to attend to the gaps in our understanding of riverine ecologies, both human and nonhuman?

Sub-Questions For Discussion

- What does it mean to live *with* the river?
 - *How are rivers seen, imagined, and used?*
 - *Who lives with the river? (Human and nonhuman; current and ideal scenarios)*
 - *What is the significance of “living with the river”, and for whom? (Current and ideal scenarios: how do we co-exist with the river: links with livelihoods, economy, transport, culture, worship, etc.)*
 - *In what ways can we tell/collect multiple stories around the river?*