

The Fifth International Laurence Sterne Foundation Conference
Laurence Sterne's Words and Worlds
Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
from 9 to 11 November, 2023



For the Conference the ILSF warmly welcomes proposals that focus on Sterne's interpretation(s) of the world through his language. Papers may consider Sterne's rhetorical, stylistic, narrative, formal strategies to refer to the world, his fictional approach to reality (be it historical, contemporary, social, cultural, religious, etc.), the relationship between narrative and truth in his works, the interplay between realism and imagination, his playing with words and their referentiality, the association between intertextuality and meaning, the gendered bias in his approach to world and word. 'Meta-critical' papers are also invited on the competing approaches to Sterne's interpretation, between philology and hermeneutics, historical reconstruction and philosophical deconstruction, authorial intentionality, and narrative indeterminacy. Each paper must be 15 to max. 20 minutes long.

Abstracts (max 250 words) should be sent to:
Prof. Peter de Voogd theshandean@fastmail.fm and
Prof. Flavio Gregori flagre@unive.it
The deadline for their submission is **July 31, 2023**.

Before 15 August: waged €120; non-waged €70
After 15 August: waged €180; non-waged €90

In order to participate in the conference, one must be member of the [International Laurence Sterne Foundation](#); otherwise one must add €30 to the conference fee.
Conference dinner: €45

Please email theshandean@fastmail.fm stating your name, affiliation, and payment details.

Payment

- **in Euro** by bank transfer: made payable to **St. Int. Sterne Foundation**
IBAN: NL92 INGB 0006252439 - Bic/Swift: INGBNL2A
- **or in Euro** via PayPal: account name: **theshandean@fastmail.fm**

Location

We will host the conference in the historical building of the Dogi Foscari family, since 1868 the main site of Ca' Foscari University (Dorsoduro 3246, Venezia).

The room we booked is located on the second floor and overlooks the Grand Canal where it bends between the Rialto and the Accademia bridges. The floor is served by lifts.

The conference will start at 3PM on November 9 and will end at 1PM on November 11.

Hotels and lodgings

Here is a short list of hotels and lodgings that we chose for their proximity to the venue. Each of them is at walkable distance, 10 to 20 minutes, from it.

Rates start from about €70 per night in the budget hotels and rise to about €250/300 per night in four-star hotels (please, check their sites as fares change with time).

We advise to book your room at an early stage, using the refundable cancellation policy, to get a good rate.

Budget

- * **Istituto Canossiano San Trovaso** <https://www.istitutocanossianosantrovaso.com/en/>
is a former convent now run as a college and guesthouse.
- * **Hotel Belle Arti** <https://www.hotelbelleartivenice.com/index.php>
is a no-frills comfortable hotel, close to Accademia museum.

Three-star hotels

- * **Hotel Al Sole Palazzo Marcello** <https://www.alsolehotels.com/en/home>
was the hotel of most of the participants in the 2013 Sterne Conference, located in a magnificent 15th-century building, very close to the venue.
- * **Pensione Accademia - Villa Maravege** <https://www.pensioneaccademia.it/en/>
is a boutique small hotel in a charming small palace near the Grand Canal.
- * **Pensione La Calcina** <https://www.lacalcina.com>
on the Giudecca Canal, a historical cafe and guesthouse, where John Ruskin and other distinguished travellers lodged.

Four-star hotels

- * **Hotel Palazzo Stern** <https://www.palazzostern.it/en>
a beautiful boutique hotel on the Grand Canal.
- * **Palazzo Veneziano** <https://www.venicecollection.com/palazzo-veneziano/en/>
a quiet modern hotel on the Giudecca Canal.
- * **NH Hotel Rio Novo** <https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-venezia-rio-novo>
a modern hotel in the heart of the students' fashionable venue and very close to Ca' Foscari.

There are many other hotels, B&Bs, guesthouses in Venice that can be found in websites such as booking.com, trivago.com, tripadvisor.com, airbnb.com, etc.

You can also find the locations of the suggested hotels, circled in red.

