GIULIA FOSCARI WIDMANN REZZONICO

Giulia Foscari is an architect, curator and activist who has been practising in Europe, Asia and the Americas. She is the founder of UNLESS, a non-profit agency for change devoted to interdisciplinary research on Global Commons, and of its alter ego UNA, an architecture studio focussed on cultural projects with strong emphasis on preservation. Recent work of UNA include the Anish Kapoor Art Foundation. Giulia's past work experience includes an extensive collaboration with Rem Koolhaas (OMA/AMO) and Zaha Hadid Architects. She taught at Hong Kong University and at the Architectural Association in London, where she ran a Diploma Unit and founded the Polar Lab. The work of UNA and UNLESS was exhibited in multiple editions of the International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia and other international venues. Giulia authored Elements of Venice (Lars Müller Publishers, 2014) and is the editor of Antarctic Resolution (Lars Müller Publishers, 2022); both award-winning publications. She is a member of the International Council of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), a Board Member of the Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia (MuVE) of the Antarctic Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC). The work of Giulia Foscari, UNA and UNLESS has been published extensively internationally in platforms including among others The New York Times, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Il Sole 24 Ore, Il Corriere della Sera and The Art Newspaper.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER TO DATE

UNLESS non-profit agency for change — 2019, ongoing
Founder & Director (Hamburg, DE & Venice, IT)

UNA architecture studio — 2016, ongoing
Founder & Director (Hamburg, DE & Venice, IT)

Office of Metropolitan Architecture / Rem Koolhaas (OMA/AMO) — 2009-2014
Senior Architect & General Manager for OMA South America (Buenos Aires, AR)
Architect (Hong Kong, HK)

Foster & Partners — 2008-2009
Architect (Hong Kong, HK)

Zaha Hadid Architects — 2007-2008
External collaborator (Hong Kong, HK)

FWR Associati — 2004, ongoing
Partner (Venice, IT)

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS & ROLES

Fondazione dei Musei Civici di Venezia (MuVE) — 2022, ongoing
Member of the Advisory Board (Venice, IT)

Villa Romana — 2021, ongoing
Member of the Advisory Council (Florence, IT)

Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) — 2021, ongoing
Member of the Advisory Board (USA)

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) — 2018, ongoing
International Council Member (New York, USA)

Architectural Association School of Architecture, London, UK — 2015-2019
Diploma Unit Master & The Polar Lab Founder (London, UK)

Hong Kong University, Faculty of Architecture, Hong Kong, HK — 2007-2010
Assistant Professor, Architectural Design Studio (Hong Kong, HK)

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS / Selected

Antarctic Resolution Open Access — 2023
Publication Editor & Author (UNLESS, GF).
Lars Müller Publishers, ISBN 978-3-03778-640-6

2022

S+T+ARTS Grand Prize
   Grand Prize awarded by the European Commission honouring innovation in
   Science, Technology and the Arts

MGIP Book Award. Golden Medal   2022
   Awarded by the Golden Medal by the Motovun Group of Independent Publishers

DAM Book Award for "Antarctic Resolution"   2022
   Deutsche Architektur Museum & Frankfurt Buch Messe Book Award

Antarctic Resolution   2021
   Publication Editor & Author (Giulia Foscari / UNLESS)
   Lars Müller Publishers, ISBN 978–3–03778–640–6

DAM Book Award for "Elements of Venice"   2015
   Deutsche Architektur Museum & Frankfurt Buch Messe Book Award

Elements of Venice   2014
   Publication Author (Giulia Foscari). Introduction by Rem Koolhaas.
   Lars Müller Publishers, ISBN 978–3–03778–429–7

Elements of Architecture, Rem Koolhaas   2014
   Publication Associate Editor (GF). Editor & Author Rem Koolhaas.

Della Favela   2015
   Publication Author (Giulia Foscari). INU Edizioni, ISBN 88–77603–009–3

QUALIFICATIONS & OTHER

MArch. AA DRL. Post Graduate Master Degree in Architecture.   2006-2007
   Architectural Association School of Architecture (London, UK)

Architect.   2004
   Registration at the Order of Architects of Venice (IT)

MA hons. MA in Architecture.   1997– 2003
   Universita' di Roma Tre (Rome, IT)

Languages
   Italian (mother–tongue); English, Spanish, German, French

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN (UNA/UNLESS, GF)

Light Art Space Pavilion, Accademia di Belle Arti (Venice, IT) Temporary Pavilion and Exhibition Design (UNA)	2023, ongoing
Willem De Kooning. Gallerie dell'Accademia (Venice, IT) Exhibition Design (UNA)	2023, ongoing
Artemide (Milan, IT) Product Design. Designer (UNA)	2023, ongoing
Palazzo Benzon (Venezia, IT) Residential, building preservation/design. Lead Architect (UNA)	2022, ongoing
Anish Kapoor. Gallerie dell'Accademia (Venice, IT) Exhibition Design (UNA)	2022, completed
Anish Kapoor. Palazzo Manfrin (Venice, IT) Exhibition Design (UNA)	2022, completed
Barbati Gallery, Palazzo Lezze (Venice, IT) Art Gallery, building preservation/design. Lead Architect (UNA)	2022, completed
Palazzo Contarini delle Figure (Venice, IT) Residential, building preservation/design. Lead Architect (UNA)	2022, completed
Ca' Paradisola (Sicily, IT) Residential, building preservation/design. Lead Architect (UNA)	2022, completed
The Antarctic Suit Product Design (UNLESS). Collaboration with D-Air Lab	2020, ongoing
Anish Kapoor Foundation. Palazzo Manfrin (Venice, IT) Art Foundation, building preservation/design. Lead Architect (UNA)	2020, ongoing
Yang-Tse Art Foundation. (Piombino Dese, IT) Art Foundation, building preservation/design of Palladian Villa. Lead Architect (UNA)	2020, on hold
Kunsthalle Bielefeld. Kunsthalle Bielefeld (Bielefeld, DE) Museum Extension, masterplan. Lead Architect (UNA)	2017, completed
Partners in Design. Alfred Barr and Philip Johnson. Kunsthalle Bielefeld (Bielefeld, DE) Exhibition Design (UNA)	2017, completed
Nomadic Bookstore for Lars Mueller Publishers. Piazza San Marco (Milan, IT) Temporary Pavilion. Design. Lead Architect (UNA with AA Diploma Students)	2017, completed
Recreational Facility, SPA. (Skolkovo, RU) Building Design (UNA, with GRACE)	2017, cancelled
Schloss Pöllan. (Pöllan, AT) Residential, building preservation/design. Lead Architect	2016, completed
Pantheon Apartment. (Rome, IT) Residential, building preservation/design. Lead Architect	2004, completed

PROJECTS AS CURATOR & EXHIBITOR (UNA/UNLESS, GF)

Resolution for the Antarctic. John H. Daniels Faculty of Toronto (Toronto, CA) Exhibition, Exhibitor (UNLESS)	2023
Speak Up For Antarctica Now. Urban Campaign and Petition. City of Berlin (Berlin, DE) Urban Campaign Curator (UNLESS)	2022
Speak Up For Antarctica Now. Drop City on occasion of the Salone del Mobile (Milan, IT) Exhibition, Exhibitor (UNLESS)	2022
Antarctic Resolution. Museo National Thyssen Bornemisza (Madrid, ES) Exhibition, Exhibitor (UNLESS).	2021
Antarctic Resolution. Fondazione Kenta, All4Climate Collateral Event Pre-COP26 (Milan, IT) Exhibition, Exhibitor & Curator (UNLESS).	2021

Antarctic Resolution. 17th Venice Architecture Biennale. La Biennale di Venezia (Venice, IT) — 2021
  Exhibition, Exhibitor (UNLESS) with the Central Pavilion of the Giardini della Biennale.

Elements of Venice. 14th Venice Architecture Biennale. La Biennale di Venezia. (Venice, IT) — 2014
  Exhibition, Exhibitor with the Central Pavilion of the Giardini della Biennale.

14th Venice Architecture Biennale, "Fundamentals". La Biennale di Venezia. (Venice, IT) — 2014
  Exhibition, Curatorial Team (of Rem Koolhaas)

Quotidian Architecture: Venice Biennale Response. Victoria Prisons (Hong Kong, HK) — 2011
  Exhibition, Curatorial Team

Hong Kong Pavilion. 12th Venice Architecture Biennale. La Biennale di Venezia. (Venice, IT) — 2010
  Exhibition, Curatorial Team

Hong Kong–Shenzhen Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture (Hong Kong, HK) — 2009
  Exhibition, Curatorial Team

Andrea Palladio & Zaha Hadid. 11th Venice Architecture Biennale. La Biennale. (Venice, IT) — 2008
  Exhibition, Curator of Collateral Event held at Andrea Palladio's La Malcontenta

Hong Kong–Shenzhen Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture. (Hong Kong, HK) — 2006
  Exhibition, Curatorial Team

From Favelas to Parametric Cities. 10th Venice Architecture Biennale. La Biennale. (Venice) — 2006
  Exhibition, Solo Exhibitor of Collateral Event held at IKONA Gallery

The Cube. Biennale dei giovani artisti (Rome, IT) — 1998
  Exhibition, Exhibitor

TEACHING & LECTURES

Lectures

International Symposium Panelist, Guggenheim Bilbao Museum, conversations on
  art models for the earth system (Bilbao, ES) — 2023

European heritage hub forum Panelist, the human safety net in Venice, Conversations
  on Reimagining the Anthropocene: Cultural Heritage and Climate Action (Venice, IT) — 2023

International Symposium Panelist. New European Bauhaus. Collateral Event of the 18th
  Venice Architecture Biennale (Venice, IT) — 2023

Lecturer. John H. Daniels Faculty of Toronto. (Toronto, CA) — 2023

International Symposium Panelist. S+T+ARTS Ecosystem. Museo MAXXI (Rome, IT) — 2022

Lecturer. S+T+ARTS Day at Ars Electronica. Network Ecologies: Commitment to
  Change as a Way out of Crisis (Linz, AT) — 2022

Lecturer. Frankfurter Buchmesse. (Frankfurt, DE) — 2022

Podcast Curator & Moderator. Stage on TBA21 Thyssen–Bornemisza Art
Contemporary (Madrid, ES) — 2022

International Symposium Panelist. Ecologies of our Global Commons. Teatro Piccolo
  dell'Arsenale. La Biennale di Venezia (Venice, IT) — 2021

International Symposium Panelist. Antarctic Resolution. Museo National Thyssen
  Bornemisza (Madrid, ES) — 2021

Lecturer. John Soane's Museum (London, UK) — 2018

International Symposium Panelist. Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani (Venice, IT) — 2016

Lecturer. Accademia di Architettura (Mendrisio, CH) — 2016

Lecturer. Leibniz Universitat Hannover (Hannover, DE) — 2015

Lecturer. Academy for Architecture Culture (Hamburg, DE) — 2015

Lecturer. Universita' di Roma Tre (Rome, IT) — 2014

Lecturer. Architectural Association School of Architecture (London, UK) — 2014

Lecturer. University of Montevideo, Architecture Faculty (Montevideo, UR) — 2013

Lecturer. Universita' IUAV di Venezia, Architecture Faculty (Venice, IT) — 2007

Teaching

Architectural Association School of Architecture (London, UK)	2019–2015
International Symposium Curator & Professor. Inhabitation in the Extreme Exhibition. The AA Polar Lab with the London Design Festival	2019
Student Exhibition Curator. Inhabitation in the Extreme. Polar Lab with the London Design Festival	
Workshop Curator and Professor. Pioneering Modes of Inhabitation in the Extreme.	2019
Workshop Curator and Professor. Constructing an Antarctic Atlas.	2019
Founder of The Polar Lab	2019
Diploma Unit Master (Unit 16, The Museum Lab)	2018–2016
Intermediate Unit Master (Unit 15)	2016–2015
IUAV University of Venice & Hong Kong University (Hong Kong, HK & Venice, IT)	2010-2009
Coordinator for the HKU+IUAV Summer Workshop	
Hong Kong University, Faculty of Architecture, Hong Kong, HK	2010-2007
Assistant Professor, Architectural Design Studio (Hong Kong, HK)	
Tongji University (Shanghai, CN)	2007
Tutor at the Architectural Association & Tongji University Shanghai Summer School	