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2.00 PM, Aula Biral,
Malcanton Marcorà

Dialogues Across Microbiology, Art & Anthropology

SESSION 2

The Classification of Living Systems— Bridging Knowledge Systems for Ecological Democracy

Speakers: **Maud Quinzin** (World Maritime University, IMO, Malmö)

Chair: **Roberta Raffaetà** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Discussants: **Kriti Sharma** (UC Santa Cruz)

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Quinzin's talk examines how integrating
Indigenous knowledge systems with
mainstream scientific approaches opens
perspectives on resilience across living
systems. Her research, spanning from
microbiomes to ecosystems, challenges
dominant scientific classifications while
exploring alternative frameworks that

promote ecological democracy. Through
dialogues with Indigenous communities
and interdisciplinary collaborations,
her work develops new approaches to
understanding health and environmental
justice that bridge different knowledge
traditions.