



Invitation

## Launch of the AquaMOOC

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:00–12:00 CET

Online

For participation please register with [reingard.spannring@uibk.ac.at](mailto:reingard.spannring@uibk.ac.at) until April 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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Climate change and extreme weather events are an ever-increasing concern on planet earth during this epoch called the Anthropocene. Water is front and centre in all these experiences from oceans rising, to increased floods and insect-borne diseases thriving in murky water. What can we do? We can all get involved in understanding how water moves around the planet, and our responsibility to sustain clean and accessible flows.

Welcome to the launch of the AquaMOOC! This MOOC is a free online learning tool for everyday citizen scientists, secondary school students, and entry level university students. Our specific focus is water, hence, the name AquaMOOC. One of the aims

of the MOOC – apart from informal education – is to engage everyday citizens in research and practice through the method of participatory engagement. So, we will be inviting you to contribute to the MOOC with your own water stories, as well as register as a learning participant in the 5 Modules.

We have been building the MOOC and the curriculum for 2 years, filming water through different seasons and locations to create a diverse and inclusive water story. The original concept came from Shé, who had tried to develop something similar in Australia in 2014. It was brought to life by research funding from Austria (FWF I 4342-G) and Slovenia Research Agencies (ARRS J7-1824), for the project *Surviving the Anthropocene*. We thank the Department for Digital Media and Learning Technologies at the University of Innsbruck for their generosity and patience.

We now invite you to the many flows and sounds of water, as an element that is always in conversation with other elements, and of course flora, fauna and people.

## Schedule for the Launch of the AquaMOOC April 8, 2022

9.00-9.15 CET	Welcome and Opening
9.15-9.45 CET	Module 1 Introduction
9.45-10.00 CET	coffee break
10.00-10.30 CET	Module 2 Complex Adaptive Systems
10.30-11.30 CET	Module 3 & 4 Ethnography
11.30-12.00 CET	Questions & concluding remarks