

Lanzavecchia + Wai

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Lanzavecchia + Wai

is a creative collaboration between Francesca Lanzavecchia and Hunn Wai.

To them, being designers means being researchers, engineers, craftsmen and storytellers all at the same time.

Wai hails from the south-east Asian island state of Singapore, educated as an industrial designer at the National University while Lanzavecchia received her BA in Product Design from Politecnico di Milano, Italy.

They began their cooperation at the Design Academy Eindhoven in the Netherlands, where both graduated with Masters in Design under the direction of Gijs Bakker, cofounder of Droog Design.

Both of their interests lies in the relationships objects have and can have with the human body and soul as well as having a fervent eye for future trends. As well as being fascinated by the collisions and fusions of materials, meanings and forms.

Their cooperation is based on those focuses and having hailed from two very different countries and cultures, they attempt to feed off each other's backgrounds, knowledge and skill-sets to fuel lateral thinking and agile tangible application.

Design projects to them are research journeys characterized by the pursuit and selective employment of different design disciplines and professional competences, to be curated, cross-bred and nurtured into concepts and products that propose possibilities and inspire new perspectives and ways of thinking.

Lanzavecchia + Wai have collectively garnered attention and accolades in major design platforms such as the SaloneSatellite, Fuori Salone and the Triennale Design Museum in Milan (IT), MAXXI – the National Museum of XXI Century Arts in Rome (IT), Dubai (UAE), DepotBasel (CH), Interieur Kortrijk (BE), IMM in Cologne (DE), Tokyo Design Week (JP) and Beijing Design Week (CN).

Their work spans from limited editions for galleries and museums, to mass products for major companies, to special commissions for brands like AgustaWestland, Alcantara, Samsonite and Mercedes Benz.

Lanzavecchia + Wai was officially established at the end of 2009, during a 3-month residency, as part of the Time to Design – New Talent award, at the Danish Art Workshops to realize their inaugural collection “Spaziale Series: New Expressions of Skin and Structure”.

Their recent accomplishments include being awarded with the “Red Dot Award Product Design 2106” for the Transition tiles collection designed for MIRAGE®; the “Innovation in Inclusive Design Practice Award” by the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design, Royal College of Art, London in 2015 for their work “No Country for Old Men” and “ProAesthetics”, “Young Design Talent of the Year” by Elle Decor International Design Prize 2014, selected by the 25 editors worldwide, winners of the AgustaWestland Helicopter VIP Interior Competition which was judged by luminaries like Chris Bangle, Daniel Libeskind & Piero Lissoni and shortlisted for Wallpaper* Design Awards 2013 – “Life-enhancer of the Year” for their MonoLight table lamp, alongside Gardens by the Bay by Wilkinson Eyre Architects.

FRANCESCA LANZAVECCHIA / ITALIAN (1983, PAVIA, IT)

Mdes Conceptual Design In Context Cum Laude
Design Academy Eindhoven 2006 - 2008

Bsc Product Design
Politecnico Di Milano 2002 - 2005

HUNN WAI / SINGAPOREAN (1980, LONDON, UK)

Mdes Conceptual Design In Context
Design Academy Eindhoven 2005 - 2007

Ba (Hons) Industrial Design
National University Of Singapore 2001 - 2005

Selected Conferences:

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“Transfromative Tangibles”
UXSG Conference 2016: ”Transformation”
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Center
Singapore 7 - 9 September 2016
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“Phygital: the future of seating” Workshop
UXSG Conference 2016: ”Transformation”
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Center
Singapore 7 - 9 September 2016
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“Romantic Design : Empathy & Idealism as Drivers of
Innovation”
Innovation by Design Conference
National Library Building, Drama Center
Singapore 15 March 2016
-
“Disruptive Inclusive: Disruptive ideas in
Inclusive design”,
Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design
Royal College of Art, London
17 - 18 Sept 2015
-
“Modern Aging Singapore Kickoff Workshop”

by Access Health International, National University
of Singapore, 15 Aug 2015
-
DESIGN FOR GOOD TALK, National Design
Center Singapore, 20 March 2015
-
“People in the Process” - Hunn Wai x Nathan
Yong, moderated by Lam Yishan / 10 March,
Singaplural 2015
-
HEALTH: Present Predicaments in Architecture
and Urban Planning
University of Michigan,
USA 20 September 2013
-
Italy x Singapore, talk
-
Easter Health Alliance innovation talk
Changi General Hospital,
Singapore 23 November 2012
-
A Pulse on the Future
Healthcare Innovators Forum 2012, Resorts
World Sentosa, Singapore 18 October 2012
-

Crossroads, talk
100% Design Singapore, Marina Bay Sands,
Singapore 10 October 2012
-
4x100. Quattro incontri sul deisgn contemporaneo
italiano, Lorenzo Palmeri incontra
Francesca Lanzavecchia e Marco Marzini,
MAXXI, Rome, 10 July 2012
-
Conferenza WERKSTATTGESPRÄCHE - M. CIBIC
+ F. LANZAVECCHIA,
Università libera di Bolzen, 28 November 2011
-
Video intervista, Lanzavecchia intervistata da
Alberto Alessi come parte della mostra “le fabbriche
dei sogni”, Triennale Milano,
25 April 2011- 26 February 2012.
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Life, work and dreams of Francesca
Lanzavecchia, lecture at
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts,
Singapore, 6 February 2011
-
Dibattito Artissima Design, Oval Lingotto Fiere,
Turin, 10 November 2010

- Relatrice al seminario “New Italian Design”,
Santraallstanbul, Istanbul, Turkey, 11 December
2010
- Schmucksymposium Zimmerhof 2009 –Jewelry
symposium,
Frankfurt, Germany, 12 June 2009. Selected

Awards:

- 2016 “Red Dot Product Design Award”
for the Transition Tiles collection
produced by MIRAGE®. Winner
- 2015 “Innovation in Inclusive Design Practice
Award”, Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design,
Royal College of Art, London
- 2014 “AlumniPolimi Award”, Politecnico di
Milano - Alumni Award
- 2014 Elle Deco International Design Award –
“Young Design Talents of the Year”. Winner
- 2014 “FLYdeas for the City”, AgustaWestland X
INTERNI Magazine Contest. Winner
- 2014 Singapore Furniture Design Award.
Honourable Mention Award
- 2014 Elle Deco International Design Award –
“Young Design Talents of the Year”.
Nomination
- 2013 “Life-Enhancer of the Year” Wallpaper*
Design Awards. Nomination
- 2011 OpenDesignItalia Selected. Winner
- 2011 Wonder Design Award,
RIMA EDITRICE YOUNG E DESIGN. Winner
- 2011 Elita Fuorisalone Award. Finalist
- 2011 Talents - Tendence Fair - Messe

Frankfurt. One of 30 Young Professionals
selected worldwide.

- 2008 Ossigeno Italiano – Abitare. 4th Place
- 2007 DYSON SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS, The
Netherlands. Winner
- 2005 DesignSingapore Overseas Scholarship,
RECIPIENT

Selected Exhibitions:

2016

W. Woman in Design

Triennale Design Museum
Milan - 02 APR 2016 - 19 FEB 2017

White Flag

London Design Biennale
London - UK
7 - 27 SEPT

New Craft

Fabbrica del Vapore
Milan - 02 APR - 12 SEPT

Looking at Tod's Leo

Tod's Boutique
Milan 16 - 18 APR
New York 17-24 MAY

A Matter of Perception: Tradition and Technology

Palazzo Litta
Milan 13-18 APR

Singapore Design: The Alchemists

Singapore Art Museum
Singapore, 16 - 31 JAN

2015

The New Italian Design

Gwangju Design Biennale
Gwangju, Republic of Korea
13 OCT - 15 NOV

“Le Affinità Selettive”

Triennale di Milano,
Milan 9 - 12 JULY
Museo d' Arte Contemporanea di Lissone
Lissone, 18 JUL - 12 NOV

Singapore Design : The Alchemists

Triennale Design Museum, Milan IT
23 MAR - 19 APR

PRESENZE. Biografie inedite di cento oggetti

Spazio ex Verniciature Allestimenti Porta Nuova
23 MAR - 19 APR

LOCAL ICONS. Greetings from Rome

Alcantara-MAXXI Project
MAXXI Museum, Rome
27 MAR - 7 JUN

Fifty Years of Singapore Design

National Design Center
Singapore
10 MAR 2015 - 31 DEC 2017

INDUSTRY Gallery @ FOG Design + Art Fair

Fort Mason Festival Pavillion, San Francisco
USA 15 - 18 JAN

ANIMALITÀ

Triennale Design Museum
Milan 13 JAN - 22 FEB

**La bellezza quotidiana. Un percorso nella
Collezione Permanente del Design Italiano**

Triennale Design Museum @ Villa Reale di Monza
14 DEC 2014 - 13 DEC 2015

Beautiful Users

Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum
12 DEC 2014 - 26 APR 2015

**Il design italiano oltre la crisi –
Autarchia, Austerità, Autoproduzione**

Triennale Design Museum
Milan, 04 APR 2014 - 22 FEB 2015

2014

**Through the looking Glass: An Immersive
Design Installation**

Industry Gallery @ Aqua Art Miami 2014
3 - 7 DEC

**EBACE, European Business Aviation
Convention & Exhibition**

Geneva Palexpo, Le Grand-Saconnex,
Switzerland, 20 – 22 MAY

**FLYdeas for the City -Feeding new Ideas for
the City - INTERNI Exhibition**

Università degli Studi di Milano
Milan, 07APR - 18 APR

MONDOPASTA – An Italian Contemporary

Tale Subalterno1, Ventura Lambrate, Milan
08 APR -13 APR

DESIDERABILIA - About Desirable Things

Ventura Lambrate, Milan, 8 APR – 13 APR

**ONWARDS -Straightforward techniques,
Noble Material**

h+, Brera Design District, Milan
8APR – 13 APR

Tempo Italiano

Stockholm Design Week
Stockholm, Sweden, 4 FEB - 7 FEB

Rock It! (solo exhibition)

Secondome Gallery
Rome, Italy 22 NOV 2013 - 21 FEB 2014

2013

Equal Design Festival

CZECHDESIGN.CZ,
Prague, Czech Republic
17 SEP - 21 SEP

Nodus High Design Rugs - MUTAZIONI

Chiostro della Facoltà Teologica, Milan
09 APR -14 APR

FoodMade

Padiglione Italia, Ventura Lambrate, Milan
09 APR - 14 APR

Design Days Dubai

Industry Gallery, Downtown Dubai, UAE
18 MAR - 21 MAR

Bench-remembering the national stadium

Singaplural, Singapore
08 MAR - 12 MAR

FUTUREcraft

International Furniture Fair Singapore
08 MAR - 12 MAR

The New Italian design 2.0

Cannery Galleries, Academy of Art University,
San Francisco
22 JUN - 11 AUG

The New Italian design 2.0

Alhondiga, Bilbao, Spain
8 FEB - 05 MAY

2012

Shape your Life, Progetto Alcantara-MAXXI

MAXXI, Rome
31 OCT - 18 NOV

100% Design Singapore

Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
10 - 12 OCT

The New Italian design 2.0

National Taiwan Craft Research and
Development Institute, Nantou, Taiwan
20 SEPT - 20 NOV

**Transformers: How Enabling Design has
Transformed Disability**

The National Centre for Craft & Design,
Lincolnshire, England
14 JUL - 30 SEPT

The New Italian design 2.0

Beijing Industrial Design Center, China
16 JUL - 20 AUG

Women design... C'est la vie

Zamek Cieszyn, Poland
11 MAR -15 APR

**ANOTHER TERRA, Home Away from Home -
4th Landing**

Biennale Interieur 2012, Kortrijk, Belgium
20 - 28 OCT

**ANOTHER TERRA, Home Away from Home -
Italian Landing**

Serra dei Giardini, Venezia 1-15 OCT

**ANOTHER TERRA, Home Away from Home -
2nd Landing**

Depot Basel, Basel, Switzerland
12-16 JUN

ULTRABODY. 208 opere tra arte e design

Castello Sforzesco, Milan
19 APR - 17 JUN

ANOTHER TERRA, Home Away from Home

Ventura Lambrate, Milan
17-22 APR

SaloneSatellite

Milano Design Week, Milan
17-22 APR

Meet Design, Una Storia Italiana

Turin
5 NOV 2011 - 25 JAN 2012

2011

Meet Design, Una Storia Italiana

Roma, 16 SEPT - 13 OCT

Talents Tendence Fair,

Frankfurt, 24-29 AUG

A Voyage in Lightness, Installation
Samsonite store, Milano, 12 - 19 APR

SaloneSatellite

Milano Design Week, Milano, 12 - 17 APR

ArtStage Singapore

Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, 11 - 16 JAN

The New Italian design 2.0

Santraal Istanbul, Turkey
9 DEC 2010 - 23 JAN 2011

2010

Prédiction

Biennale di Saint Etienne
20 NOV - 5 DEC

Visualizing Transformation

Artissima Design, Turin, 6 -14 NOV

The New Italian Design Reloaded

Triennale di Milano, Milan
27 JUL - 11 SEPT

Transparency

Milano Design Week, Ventura Lambrate
13 - 19 APR

2009

Social Interaction by Art & Design

t'Buurthuis, Breda, The Netherlands
12 NOV - 1 DEC

Design That Thinks

Ex Chiesa S.Francesco, Lecce
17 MAY - 26 JUL