

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  
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“Disruptive Inclusive: Disruptive ideas in  
Inclusive design”,  
Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design  
Royal College of Art, London  
17 - 18 Sept 2015  
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“Modern Aging Singapore Kickoff Workshop”

by Access Health International, National University  
of Singapore, 15 Aug 2015  
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DESIGN FOR GOOD TALK, National Design  
Center Singapore, 20 March 2015  
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“People in the Process” - Hunn Wai x Nathan  
Yong, moderated by Lam Yishan / 10 March,  
Singaplural 2015  
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HEALTH: Present Predicaments in Architecture  
and Urban Planning  
University of Michigan,  
USA 20 September 2013  
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Italy x Singapore, talk  
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Easter Health Alliance innovation talk  
Changi General Hospital,  
Singapore 23 November 2012  
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A Pulse on the Future  
Healthcare Innovators Forum 2012, Resorts  
World Sentosa, Singapore 18 October 2012  
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Crossroads, talk  
100% Design Singapore, Marina Bay Sands,  
Singapore 10 October 2012  
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4x100. Quattro incontri sul deisgn contemporaneo  
italiano, Lorenzo Palmeri incontra  
Francesca Lanzavecchia e Marco Marzini,  
MAXXI, Rome, 10 July 2012  
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Conferenza WERKSTATTGESPRÄCHE - M. CIBIC  
+ F. LANZAVECCHIA,  
Università libera di Bolzen, 28 November 2011  
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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  
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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:**

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2016  
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**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

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2015  
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**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

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2014  
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**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

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2013  
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**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

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2012  
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**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

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2011  
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**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

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2010  
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**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

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2009  
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**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