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My Personal Background:
My PhD research project has the water as key element, and it is the ideal continuation of my Bachelor and Master studies, respectively focusing on geographic sciences and urban and environmental planning – with a special attention on water-sensitive design and policy. It wants to deal with the City and the Water issues related to it, trying to answer this huge question: Is it possible to plan the 21st century cities with an ecosystem-oriented attitude, facing with the climate changes and variability, focusing mostly on water resources preservation? The main objective of this research is to lead a prospective assessment of land use and water management strategies aiming at ensuring Sustainable Integrated Urban Water Management (SIUWM) at a metropolitan scale. The geographical unity of measure considered is obviously the basin scale, a crucial scale that should start having more importance in the urban areas, even more in the areas affected by climatic changes and variability – most of the times big urban areas or metropolis. Considering then that water, and its management processes within an urbanized context, frames the object of study, their future projection in view of the climate change, of course, are considered.

What do I expect from Our Common Future Under Climate Change:
As urban planner and PhD student, climate changes are definitely an important part of my professional challenges. In the last years, I had the chance to live abroad, among Italy, Portugal, Brazil and France, and I noticed that in both my private and professional life, the people having surrounded me still do not realize the beginnings of climate changes’ effects. The global life cycle is changing and the people minds still have difficulty to accept and aware it. Hence, conferences like this one, ‘Our Common Future Under Climate Change’, are really important in terms of public awareness.