

Camilla Campanati (PhD)

How I got here:

After my MSc Applied Marine Science degree from University of Plymouth (UK) I came to Rajan's lab as Research Assistant. After almost an year, I have decided to continue research towards my PhD degree.

What I did for PhD?

Initially I was interested to look at the effect of climate change on invasive species but subsequently my interest changed to ocean acidification (OA) effects on intertidal habitats – ultimately, I ended up in looking at the effect of OA in predator and prey interaction.

What I am doing now?

Immediately after my graduation, I got a post doc in one of the world famous and most prestigious institutions, at Oxford, to continue my studies in molluscs.

My contribution to the Lab: Rajan's view

Hi Camilla – Like Ackley, you have very quickly adapted to Hong Kong culture and attached with our lab family. Sorry, somehow I did not know much about invasive species to encouraged you to do PhD in that topic, I assume that is your most favourite topic. After almost 6 months, we seems have convinced you to look at OA. You rightly accepted it and started playing with barnacles and then tubeworms to figure out that those two species are not listening to your instructions – though you were able to publish your first paper in barnacles. Anyway, finally, you selected rock oysters and snail larvae to look at their interaction under OA. Camilla – I always remember your extreme hard work despite of your health issues. I will always remember our 24h (non sleep) work on OA effect on embryo development in tubeworms at SWIMS and your key role for our successful 2nd ISOACC. Well done.

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Camilla in Hong Kong



Surprised to see snail and oyster larval development through microscope



Oyster fertilization work with oysters along with Rajan and Ginger at SWIMS



Camilla and Rajan in a workshop organized by Sam Dupont and Piero Calosi in Sweden



My social time at SWIMS residence



After my successful PhD oral exam – Stefano and Bayden are my exam committee members