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«Com'è l'acqua?»

Riconoscere ogni giorno  
il mare invisibile del patriarcato



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High Schools

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«There are these two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says “Morning, boys. How’s the water?” And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes “What the hell is water?”».  
(*This Is Water* - D. F. Wallace)

The famous quote from *This Is Water* of David Foster Wallace is the starting point from which analyze the structural gender discrimination that we can not always recognize or be aware of. Its structural form is due to how our culture normalized it through the course of human history but also how it found (and finds) different ways to express itself: the witch hunt, advertisement, textbooks, the economic violence, misogynistic movements like Incels or Men’s Rights Activism, love myths, and so on.

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