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11 - 12 MAY 2026

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME | FIRST DAY

11 MAY 2026 – Department of Law, Politics and International Studies, Via Università 12, Parma

08:00 | 08:45 Registration – Aula Magna

08:45 | 09:15 Opening Remarks and Institutional Greetings

09:15 | 09:45 **Keynote Speech** · **Prof. Ferdinando Albisinni** · *Public and Private Agri-Food Law in the Global and Transnational Dimension: New Duties and New Rights*

09:45 | 10:00 Discussion

10:15 | 12:20 Parallel Sessions

I. **Food Sustainability and Food Security: From Theory to Action I**

II. **Food Sustainability and Food Security: From Theory to Action II**

III. **Agriculture and Food Security**

IV. **Food Security in a Global Context**

12:20 | 13:45 Lunch & Networking

13:45 | 14:15 **Keynote Speech** · **Prof. Kris DeAngelo** · *The Future of Food Innovation, Technology, and the Next Agricultural Revolution*

14:15 | 14:30 Discussion

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14:40 | 17:00 Parallel Sessions

I. **Intellectual Property and Plant Variety Rights**

II. **Innovation, Agriculture and Ecosystems**

III. **Innovation, Risk and Information**

IV. **Intellectual Property and Quality**

17:00 | 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 | 18:00 Day 1 Wrap-Up and Presentation of the Food, Development & Society PGR–ECR Network

20:00 | Conference Informal Dinner

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME | SECOND DAY

12 MAY 2026 – Department of Law, Politics and International Studies, Via Università 12, Parma

08:30 | 8:45 Registration – Aula Magna

09:00 | 09:30 Keynote Speech · Mr. Michael Windfuhr (Title TBC)

09:30 | 09:45 Discussion

09:55 | 12:30 Parallel Sessions

I. **Rights, Democracy and Governance**

II. **History, Policy and Religion**

III. **The International Dimension of Food**

IV. **Human Rights and Food**

12:30 | 12:50 Launch of the Food Law Students' Network

12:50 | 13:15 Closing Remarks

13:20 Lunch & Farewell

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DETAILED PROGRAM

SESSION – FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY: FROM THEORY TO ACTION I

10.15 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

Moderated by **Valeria Paganizza**

Food Waste, Food Security and the Right to Adequate Food: A Critical Assessment of EU Law and Policy
Laura Salamero-Teixidó, University of Lleida, Spain

Implementing EU Water Reuse Policy in the Food Sector: The Spanish Legal Framework and Its Implications for Food Sustainability and Security
David Velaz Bravo, University of Lleida, Spain

The "Affichage Environnemental" in France: A Long and Uncertain Path towards Operationalisation
Marica Mileo, University of Parma, Italy

Dispossession through Law: The Impact of Land Grabbing on Food Safety in Türkiye
Rabia Ersoy, Ankara University, Türkiye

Pollinator Protection in the EU Legal Framework: Nature Restoration, Food Security and the Challenge of Agri-Food System Sustainability
Giulia Torre, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy

Guaranteeing the Right to Food at the Local Level: European Urban Food Policies in Comparative Perspective
Chiara Cerbone, University of Parma, Italy

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SESSION – FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY: FROM THEORY TO ACTION II

10.15 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

Moderated by **Francesco Montanari**

The Role of Technological Innovation in the Fight Against Labour Exploitation in Agriculture
Claudia Gesmundo, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

Regulating the Invisible: Chemical Safety as a Pillar of Food Sustainability, Safety and Security
Carme Ribes Ortega, University of Lleida and Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain

Food Sustainability and Food Security in Times of Change: No- and Low-Alcohol Wine as a Regulatory Case
Beatrice La Porta, University of Padua, Italy

Punitive Law and Food Security: Sustainability-Driven Transformations in EU Food Governance
Federica Raffone, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy

Recognising the Role of Alimurgy: Wild Food Foraging as a Strategy for the Contemporary Food Security and Food Sovereignty Agenda
Margherita Brunori, University of Brescia, Italy

Greenwashing in the Food Sector: From Directive (EU) 2024/825 to the Need to Protect Consumers. A Legal Analysis
Emanuele Migliorelli, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy

SESSION – AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

10.15 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

Moderated by **Silvia Rolandi**

Innovating in Law and Finance to Create a More Resilient Food System
Alexia Marks, University of Colorado, United States of America

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Invasive Alien Species Between Biodiversity Protection and Market Efficiency: Legal Profiles for Their Potential Use for Food
Mario Mauro, University of Florence, Italy

Beyond Restrictive Protection: Biodiversity as a Legal Resource in EU Agricultural Governance
Camilla Gernone, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

The Future of Pesticide Regulation in the EU - Between Precaution and Proportionality
Dario Cotterchio, University of Bayreuth and Technical University of Munich, Germany

Farmers and Food Security - Crushed Between Corporate Power and the Green Deal?
Simone Lamont-Black, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Livestock Emissions and Climate Neutrality - Analysing EU Law through a Beyond-Growth Perspective
Roberto Talenti, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy

SESSION – FOOD SECURITY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

10.15 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

Moderated by **Marco Inglese**

Food Security, Environmental and Biodiversity Protection. Local Action Groups and Biodistricts as Facilitators of Food Security
Emiliano Pelagalli, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy

Towards a Food Systems Law
Hanna Schebesta, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Food Security in Times of Disaster: Assessing the Role of Food Sustainability for the Prevention, Preparedness and Resilience of Food Systems
Ludovica Di Lullo, University of Parma, Italy

Agri-food Sustainability in European Private Law: What Can We Learn from the Nature Restoration Law [Reg. (EU) 2024/1991] through the Lens of Comparative Law?
Giorgia Guerra, eCampus University, Italy

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Market Crisis and Climate-Environmental Emergency: Rethinking Exceptionality in Times of Permanent Crisis
Domenico Cristallo, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

Why Hunger Persists? Multilevel Responsibility and the Limits of the Right to Food in Contemporary Food Systems
Jorge Freddy Milian Gómez, Free University of Bruxelles, Belgium

SESSION – INNOVATION, AGRICULTURE AND ECOSYSTEMS

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Moderated by **Alessandro Rosanò**

Climate Change and Food Security as "Fertile Ground" for an Innovation-Driven EU Regulation: The Case of the New Genomic Techniques
Mariassunta Ciccone, University of Ferrara, Italy

Beyond Deregulation: Can Innovation Thrive Without Transparency and Trust? The Case of NGTs in EU Food Law
Maura Mattalia, University of Turin, Italy
Gaia Bonini, University of Turin, Italy

Aerial Application of Plant Protection Products Using UAS: Between Innovation, Food Security and Responsibility
Maria Carlotta Rizzuto, University of Catanzaro, Italy

Integrating Food Security and Environmental Protection in the Era of Technological Innovation and AI
Marianna Vanuzzo, University of Italian Switzerland, Switzerland

Operationalising Ecosystem Integrity and Resilience in EU Agri-Food Law: The Normative Role of Earth Observation
Enrico Mezzacapo, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy

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Policy Mixes for a Sustainable Protein Transition in the European Union
Alessandro Monaco, Baltic Studies Centre, Latvia

Artificial Intelligence: Opportunity for New Governance Models in Sustainable Food Systems?
Giovanna Sangiuolo, Universitas Mercatorum, Italy
Franco Maciariello, Universitas Mercatorum, Italy

SESSION – INNOVATION, RISK AND INFORMATION

14.40 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

Moderated by **Giulia Formici**

Mission to MARS: How Multi-Actor Regulatory Sandboxes (MARS) Could Improve EU Food Law and Strengthen Food Democracy
Tilman Reinhardt, University of Bayreuth, Germany

Risk Analysis Reimagined
Lisa Gamillscheg-Müllner, University of Vienna, Austria

What Liability Profiles in Wastewater Risk Management Described by Reg. (EU) 2020/741 Can Ensure the Sustainability of the Agri-Food Supply Chain?
Rossana Eugenia Vulcano, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy

Invisible Allies: Regulating Microorganisms in the EU's Transition to Sustainable Agri-Food Systems
Francesco Montanari, Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Mirta Alessandrini, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Regulatory Uncertainty Around Nutraceuticals: Legal Challenges of Herbal and Fungal Products in the EU Food System
Anna Kapala, [redacted], Poland

Regulating Innovation: Experimental Legal Regimes for Drone-Based Agriculture in EU Law
Maria Giulia Corazza, University of Parma, Italy

Where Are We Now in the Regulation of Food Innovations in the EU? Taking Stock of Recent Developments, Competences and Procedures
Alexandra Molitorisova, University of Passau and University of Bayreuth, Germany

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SESSION – AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND IP

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Moderated by **Tommaso Bonamini**

Intellectual Property Criminal Law as a Guarantee of Food Security: Protecting Plant Varieties Between Innovation and North-South Tension
Sara María Martínez Novillo, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Plant Variety Protection: The Complexity of Defining Borders among Rights and Limits
Nicola Lucifero, University of Florence, Italy

Potato Breeding on the Island of Ireland: The Impact of Plant Variety Rights on Food Security
Jocelyn Bosse, Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom

From Extraction to Solidarity: Reforming Genetic Resource Exchange within the Global Food System
Rossana Pennazio, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy

Beyond the Market. Exploring Geographical Indications' Non-Economic Dimension and the Effects on the Enhancement of Food Security
Annachiara Isidori, University of Macerata and University of Camerino, Italy

Geographical Indications and Sustainability: Critical Issues and Prospects for Development in the Global Arena
Lorenzo Bairati, University of Pollenzo, Italy

The Right to a Geographical Indication in EU Law: Food Cosmopolitanism and Balance of Interests
Theodore Georgopoulos, University of Reims, France

SESSION – HISTORY, POLICY AND RELIGION

9.55 | TUESDAY, 12 MAY

Moderated by **Hanna Schebesta**

"Humans Are Made by Mud": The Religious Genealogy of Farmland Legal Protection
Giancarlo Anello, University of Parma, Italy

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Ritual Slaughter and the Politics of Food Law: Selective Scrutiny and the Normalization of Harm
Sarah Berger Richardson, University of Ottawa, Canada

Between Nationalism and Food Self-Sufficiency: Japan's Approach to Food Security in Historical Perspective
Felice Farina, Bona Sforza University, Italy

The (Non-)Regulation of Unhealthy Foods in Switzerland: A History of Regulatory Restraint and Political Choices
Marie-Hélène Peter-Spiess, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Banning Unsustainable Food: Matching Market Bans and Human Rights Goals?
Elena Corcione, University of Pollenzo, Italy

Beyond Fragmentation: Legal Challenges and Collaborative Governance in the Water-Agriculture Nexus
Maurizio Flick, University of Padua, Italy

SESSION – THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF FOOD

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Moderated by **Elena Carpanelli**

Food Security as a Matter of International Law: Lessons from Recent Geopolitical Developments
Khaled Etalweel, LUISS School of Law, Italy

Global Constitutionalism and the Right to Food
Simone Pitto, University of Parma, Italy

The International Olive Council and the International Governance of the Olive Sector
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Fehmi Kerem Bilgin, [illegible], Türkiye

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Reframing International Trade through Sustainable Food Systems: The Codex Alimentarius Perspective
Silvia Rolandi, University of Pisa and Wageningen University, Italy and The Netherlands

Who Gets a Seat at the Food Policy Table? Transparency, Participation, and Accountability in Public Health and Food Safety Authorities: A Comparative Legal Review
Francesco Planchenstainer, University of Trento, Italy

Understanding Food Weaponisation in Contemporary Conflict
Emanuele Castelli, University of Parma, Italy
Simone Papale, University of Parma, Italy

SESSION – HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOOD

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Moderated by **Mirta Alessandrini**

Justiciability of the Right to Food in cases of Administrative Inaction
Marta Muñoz, University of Lleida, Spain

The Right to Food - Between Availability and Accessibility
Aeyal Gross, University of Tel Aviv and SOAS University of London, Israel and United Kingdom
Tamar Luster, University of Tel Aviv, Israel

Who Eats Last, and Least? Gender, Equality, and the Realization of the Right to Food under Conditions of Uncertainty
Abu Noman Mohammad Atahar Ali, North South University, Bangladesh

Reframing the Right to Food through Agroecology
Dolunay Corek Akyildiz, Galatasaray University, Türkiye

Embedding Agroecology in Law: Securing Food Security through DRR and the Right to Food
Andrea Carolina Zuniga Sierra, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy

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Rights, Risks, and Regulation: Reconciling Food Safety with Food Security
Katya Cronin, The George Washington University Law School, United States of America

Realising the Right to Food in Public-Private Contracts
Johanna Hoekstra, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
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