

VIU Lectures for International students, San Servolo Island, Room 5X

Food, Humans, Resources and Globalisation

October 11, 2013

In the framework of the events organized for the FAO World Food Day Venice International University and Ca' Foscari University organize a workshop on Food and Water on October 11, 2013.

The workshop is aimed at introducing international students at VIU and Ca' Foscari to one of the key issues of globalisation and sustainable development: food safety and security with a special focus on the relationship with water.

The morning will be dedicated to introductory lectures on the topic of food and water, moving from cultivation of crops, to their protection from pests and to the presentation of case studies of international cooperation for development in the food sector. Biological, technological but also social and cultural aspects will be taken into consideration in the discussion, trying to actively involve the students.

This initiative is organised in collaboration with the network of Italian universities for cooperation and development, launched in 2008 by the Cooperation Division at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Programme of the day

9.00 – Carlo Giupponi (University Ca' Foscari): Welcome address

Session 1: Humans and food, multi-disciplinary perspectives. Chair Carlo Giupponi (University Ca' Foscari)

9:15 - Laura Bonzanigo (University Ca' Foscari and Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change): "Testing Viability and Sustainability of Innovation Options in Food Production"

9:35 - Alessandro Peressotti (University of Udine) "Food, Cooking and Human Health"

9:55 - Luca Falasconi (University of Bologna): "Water in diet, market, and food waste"

10:15 - Frank Heidemann (Ludwig Maximilian University): "The Cultural Dimension of Eating and Drinking"

10:35 - Discussion

11:00 - *Coffee break*

Session 2: The World Food Day: Round Table. Chair Agar Brugiavini (Dean Venice International University and University Ca' Foscari)

11:30 – Caterina Bertolini (Coordinator of University Cooperation - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs): Opening of the round table

11:45 – Leslie Amoroso (Programme Officer, Second International Conference on Nutrition Secretariat, Nutrition Division, FAO, Rome)

12:00 – Caroline Hurford (World Food Programme Donor Visibility Coordinator (WFP))

12:15 – Massimo Caneva (Coordinator of the Italian Universities Committee – Italian Cooperation – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

12:30 – Discussion with conclusions by Carlo Giupponi