



**Venice International University
Graduate Seminar
Zero Hunger's Goal: the global challenge of
a sustainable and quality food for all**

**Venice International University
April 13-17, 2026**

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Program



Monday, April 13 – Food Quality, Local Systems and Ethical Matters

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch (optional)*

14:00 - 14:15 Registration

14:15 - 15:00 Welcome remarks (VIU), Introduction to the Graduate Seminars and Q&A
Scientific Coordinators: Roberta Dameno, Carola Ricci, Emma Sofia Lunghi

15:00 - 16:00 Lecture – Sustainability and EU Food Policy
Andrea Zappalaglio

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30 - 17:30 Lecture – Sustainability and Local Food Systems
Dominique Barjolle

Tuesday, April 14 – Food Systems and the Right to Food: Scientific, Legal and Technological Perspectives

9:30 - 10:30 Lecture – Food and One Health the Scientific Perspective
Paola Palestini

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:00 Lecture – Food and One Health the Human Right Law Perspective
Carola Ricci

12:00 – 13:00 Lecture – Food Waste and Sustainability a Legal Perspective
Laura Salamero Teixidó

13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30 - 15:30 Lecture – Armed Conflicts and Food Security
Martino Tognocchi

15:30 - 17:00 Workshop – Quality Food Access Between Rights and Discriminations
Emma Sofia Lunghi, Maria Galbusera, Roberta Dameno

17:00 - 17:30 Constitution of groups and selections of themes for work groups

19:30 *Social Dinner*

Wednesday April 15 – Sustainable Food Systems and Global Crises

9:30 - 10:30 Lecture – Food Sustainability and Certifications
Axel Marx

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:30 Workshop – Waste, Recycling and Circular Economy
Ilaria Bruni, Stefania Pagliari

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 Lecture – Food, Crisis and Human Rights
Axel Marx

15:00 - 17:30 Group work

Thursday, April 16 – Public Policy, Innovations and Food Systems

9:30 - 10:30 Lecture – Can you Recognise a Sustainable Food?
Paolo Alberto Leone

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Lecture – Biotechnology in Favor of the Sustainability of Agricultural Production
Alessandra Stella

12:00 – 13:00 Lecture – Food Consumption in School Canteens and Technology: A Case Study Analysis
Giulia Mattavelli

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 18:00 Trip to Sant' Erasmo Island to discover Venice's vegetable gardens

Friday, April 17 – Food, Law and Society

9:30 - 10:30 Lecture – Novel Foods: Between Law and Society
Roberta Dameno

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 Presentation of group work and final discussion

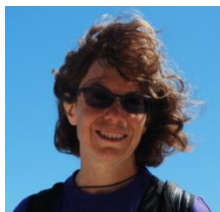
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

Faculty's short bio



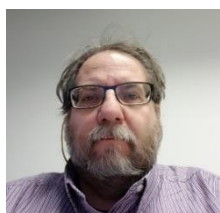
Dominique Barjolle is Researcher in the Institute of geography and sustainability at the University of Lausanne. Her research themes are agriculture and food within the concept of the food system.

Research field: Sustainable food systems; Resilience, Innovations; True cost of food; Agroecology; Food and Health.



Roberta Dameno is Associate Professor in Philosophy and Sociology of Law and a Food Law and Governance expert at the Best4food Interdisciplinary Center, University of Milano-Bicocca.

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Paolo A. Leone is Senior Researcher in the Institute of Agricultural Biology and Biotechnology (IBBA), National Research Council of Italy.

Research field: molecular genetics applied to livestock production and food supply chains; technology transfer with food companies; application of legal measures in the field of food production; biotech safety protocols; and foods from alternative protein source.



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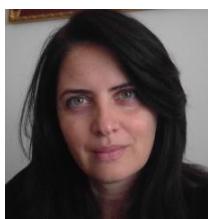
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