



# 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

Worlday, April 13 – Food Quality, Local Systems and Ethical Matters		
14:00 - 14:15	Registration	
14:15 - 15:00	Welcome remarks (VIU) and Introduction to the Graduate Seminars Scientific Coordinators: Roberta Dameno, Carola Ricci, Emma Sofia Lunghi	
15:00 - 15:45	Lecture – Sustainability and EU Food Policy  Andrea Zappalaglio	
15:45 - 16:30	Lecture – Sustainability and Local Food Systems  Dominique Barjolle	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 - 18:00	Q&A, plenary discussion and students' expectations on the VIU Graduate Seminar	
Tuesday, April 14 – Food and One health		
9:15 - 10:00	Lecture – Food and One Health the scientific perspective Paola Palestini	
10:00 - 10:45	Lecture – Food One Health the legal perspective Giulia Mattavelli	
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Lecture – Exposome and human wellness Gloria Rita Bertoli	
11:45 - 12:15	Lecture – Novel Foods: Between Law and Society Roberta Dameno	
12:15 - 14:15	Lunch Break	
14:15 - 16:15	Workshop – Quality Food Access Between Rights and Discriminations Emma Sofia Lunghi, Maria Galbusera, Roberta Dameno	
16:15 - 16:30	Break	
16:30 - 17:30	Constitution of student's working group	
Wednesday April 15 – Food Sustainability		
9:15 - 10:00	Lecture – Food Waste and Sustainability a Legal Perspective Laura Salamero Teixidó	
10:00 - 10:45	Lecture – Food Sustainability and Certifications	

Axel Marx



10:45 - 11:10	Coffee Break	
11:10 - 12:30	Workshop – Waste, Recycling and Circular Economy Ilaria Bruni, Stefania Pagliari	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 18:00	Trip to Sant 'Erasmo Island at the discover to Venice' vegetable farms	
Thursday, April 16 – Public Policy, Innovations and Food Systems		
9:00 - 9:45	Lecture – Food, Crisis and Human Rights  Jan Wouters	
9:45 - 10:30	Lecture – Innovation and Food technology  Annalisa Bonfiglio	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Lecture – Can you recognise a sustainable food?  Paolo A. Leone	
11:45 - 12:30	Lecture – Title tbd Alessandra Stella	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Workshop – Risk Management, Fiscal Policies and Food Systems Stefano Moratti, Alberto Monti	
15:00 - 15:45	Lecture – Food Rights Carola Ricci	
15:45 - 16:00	Break	
16:00 - 17:00	Group work	
Friday, April 17 – Food, Armed Conflict and Human Rights		
9:15 - 10:30	Workshop – Armed Conflict and Food Security  Marco Clementi, Martino Tognocchi, Anna Facchinetti	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	Group work	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 16:00	Presentation of group works and final discussion  Carola Ricci	



#### 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.





**Gloria Rita Bertoli** is Full researcher at the Institute of Molecular Bioimaging and Physiology (IBSBC), National Research Council of Italy. *Research field:* in vitro characterization of new molecular biomarkers of pathology; identification and functional characterization of specific microRNAs as tumor biomarkers for diagnosis, prognosis or therapeutic tools,

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from alternative protein source.



**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



**Giulia Mattavelli** is Associate Professor in Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology at the University School for Advanced Studies (IUSS) of Pavia. *Research field*: Brain circuits involved in emotion recognition and decision-making, exploring with neurostimulation and neuroimaging methods the physiological and pathological mechanisms underpinning emotion processing and decision-making, in healthy and clinical populations.



**Axel Marx** is Deputy Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KULeuven.

Research field: voluntary sustainability standards, sustainable development, sustainable trade, human/labour rights, global governance, corporate social responsibility, governance through trade, EU trade policy and comparative case methods.



**Paola Palestini** is Associate Professor in Biochemistry at the School of Medicine and Surgery and a Functional Food and Wellness expert at the Best4food Interdisciplinary Center, University of Milano-Bicocca. She is also the Coordinator of the Master Alimentazione e Dietetica Applicata (ADA),

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Research field: Novel foods; Biochemistry; cell biology.



Carola Ricci is Associate Professor of international law at the University of Pavia. She is also a member of the Scientific Board of the interfaculty PhD Course in Public Law, Criminal and International Justice at the University of Pavia and of the National PhD Programme on Sustainable Development and Climate change (PhD SDC) at the University School for Advanced Studies (IUSS) of Pavia.

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Jan Wouters is Full Professor of International Law and International Organizations, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam EU and Global Governance, and founding Director of the Institute for International Law of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, an interdisciplinary research centre with the status of both a Jean Monnet and KU Leuven Centre of Excellence, at KU

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Research field: The relationship between global multilateral organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, and the European Union; Multilevel regulatory interactions between global, European and national/subnational rules and standards, including private standards; The contribution of the European Union to democracy, human rights and the rule of law; Actors and processes of informal lawmaking.



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Research field: Geographical Indications; Trade Mark Law; Unfair Competition Law; Sustainability.