

FLAN ANNUAL
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IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE

11 - 12 MAY 2026

UNIVERSITY OF PARMA

VIA UNIVERSITÀ, 12



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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 · *Sustainable Transformation of Food and Agricultural Systems – The Role Human Rights Standards (Right to Food) Can Play*

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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FLAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 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



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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

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, Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Poland

Regulating Innovation: Experimental Legal Regimes for Drone-Based Agriculture in EU Law

Maria Giulia Corazza, University of Parma, Italy



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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

SESSION – AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND IP

14.40 | MONDAY, 11 MAY

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



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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

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

9.55 | TUESDAY, 12 MAY

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



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The International Olive Council and the International Governance of the Olive Sector

Halide Gökçe Türkoğlu, İzmir Bakırçay University, Türkiye

Anıl Çamyamaç, İzmir Bakırçay University, Türkiye

Fehmi Kerem Bilgin, Yaşar University, Türkiye

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

9.55 | TUESDAY, 12 MAY

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

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

Luis F. Yanes, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Food security as a human right? Between legal norms and global reality

Olga Śniadach, University of Gdańsk, Poland

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