



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2024/2025

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

COURSE TITLE

Food Systems Law

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Administrative Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

Introduction to the global food regime;
Food and international trade;
Land and Food as the new playground for international investments;
The Financialization of the Food System: Speculation and Financial integration;
Concentration of Power, access to market and anti-competitive practices;
Regulatory Responses to Food Paradoxes: Obesity, Hunger and Waste;
Access to seeds and intellectual property rights;
Climate Change Agriculture and Food: normative challenges;
The Corporate Social Responsibility perspective on Food;
Transnational Food Chains and Transnational Accountability;
Right to Food, Food Sovereignty and Food Justice.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course aims to provide students with a broad, in-depth and critical perspective on the link between international economic law (trade and investments), national legal structures and the construction of a transnational food regime that produces almost 800 million undernourished people and more than 1 billion over-nourished and obese.

The way in which food is produced, transported, allocated, consumed and discarded is strictly dependent on local and international legal structures. In addition, the current global food system has implications and produces consequences that go far beyond individual health and consumers' rights.

The students will obtain instruments and knowledge to pursue future career trajectories in the food regime or, more simply, to be conscious and critical consumers.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The selected candidate will have to be familiar with the complexity and manifold interactions between law and global food systems. Particular consideration will be given to candidates who have: a) previously taught in the area of law and food at the undergraduate and graduate level; b) contributed to the organization of international events on the issue of food and law; c) presented food and law related research at international workshops and conferences; d) published in proceedings and international journals on the issue of food and law.

In line with an inter-disciplinary approach, preference will be given to candidates with experience in cooperation and consultation with public authorities, civil society and the private sector on the area of food policies and the right to food.

CONTACT REFERENT

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