

## **Quality Food: The Challenges of Law**

University of Milan-Bicocca, February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

One of the challenges raised by climate change and the pollution of our environment in relation to the human society is the access to a food that is sufficient, safe, nutritious and of quality. If climate change and the pollution of the environment are partially caused by food production systems, they also have a negative impact on food security and food safety. According to the second objective of 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goal ("Zero Hunger"), a sustainable food production system has the following characteristics: (1) it reduces the use of pesticides and fertilisers, and their dispersion in the environment and water courses; (2) it prioritises local food production and short supply chain; (3) it minimises food waste at all stages of production and consumption; (4) it uses rationally water and energy resources.

Therefore, we can no longer discuss quality without considering the concept of sustainability in its broadest senses whether environmental, economic and/or social. For this reason, the conference aims to address, on the one hand, the issue of how legal systems interpret the protection of the right to healthy, safe and sustainable food and how they intervene to try to build tools formally aimed at informing consumers and at the same time protecting producers and, on the other hand, the issue of how economic and environmental transformations as well as technological development impact on diets and food regimes.

In the contemporary context characterised by climate change and the impoverishment of environmental resources, food must be studied in relation to economic, technological, socio-cultural and legal transformations. Abstracts that address the following topics will be considered:

- Food and environmental sustainability
- Food and transformation of the territory
- Food, law and society
- New technologies in the food supply chain
- Food diets and health
- Traceability, safety, quality and economic sustainability of food
- Evolution of food consumption: trends and long-term elements

Interdisciplinary contributions will be given priority.

## ORGANIZATION DETAILS

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### Abstract

Max 500 words

Languages: English, French, Spanish or Italian

### Deadline

31 October

The committee will answer before November 10<sup>th</sup>

In case of a positive response from the scientific committee, scholars will be asked to provide an **extended abstract** in the original language (if different from English) and English. The extended abstracts that will reach the scientific committee by January 10th will **be published before the conference** on the dedicated website to facilitate the exchange between all the participants.

### Long abstract

Between 1.500 and 2.500 words

### Contact – abstract submission

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### Deadline

10 January

### Scientific Committee

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### Links of interest

Research Center Best4Food

<https://bestforfood.unimib.it>

Partnership Project OnFoods

<https://onfoods.it> ; <https://onfoods.it/spokes/spoke-07>