

PROGRAMME

13:40–14:00

Welcome Coffee

14:00–14:10

Welcome Address

Wim Vandenbussche. Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

14:10–14:20

Official Launch of the International Joint Research Group on Agrifood Law and Food Systems (IJRG ALFS)

Kim Van der Borgh. IJRG-ALFS Co-director

Jorge Freddy Milian Gómez. IJRG-ALFS Co-director

OPENING KEYNOTE SPEECH

14:20–15:15

Chair: Kim Van der Borgh. *IJRG-ALFS Co-director. Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Belgium*

- **Juan Echanove.** *UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. FAO. Head Unit Right to Food.*

15:15–15:30

Q&A with the audience

15:30–15:45

Networking Coffee

SESSION 1 | FOOD SYSTEMS IN TRANSITION: GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND GOVERNANCE RESPONSES

15:45–16:35

Chair: Roberto Reyes Barrera. *Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Belgium*

- **María José Cazorla González** — *Farming under Climate Change in Europe: Innovation and Governance.* University of Almería. Spain
- **Aneta Suchoń** — *Cooperatives in the agri-food sector in the face of current regional and global challenges.* University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznań, Poland
- **Giulia Formici** — *Governing Innovation at the Intersection of Safety and Sustainability: Cultivated Meat as a Paradigmatic Case Study.* University of Parma. Italy
- **Marius Cristea** — *Food systems as a driver of territorial cooperation.* Institute for Climate, Economic and Social Resilience, IRCES. Romania

Q&A

SESSION 2 | COMMUNITIES, PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSIVE FOOD SYSTEMS

16:35–17:25

Chair: Jose Grabiél Luis Cordova. *Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. The Netherlands.*

- **Intan Soeparna** — *Evaluating the IEU - CEPA sustainable food system against Indonesian Food Policy and Smallholders rights.* Airlangga University. Indonesia
- **Dilyana Kutsarova** — *Strengthening Local food communities through short food supply chains: Trends in the innovation ecosystem.* Agriventures. Bulgaria
- **Susana Almeida** — *Food Information, Green Claims and Consumer Empowerment in the Green Transition.* University of Leiria and West. Portugal.
- **Ewomazino Caulker** — *Beyond Calories: Armed Conflict, Food Security and the Protection of Everyday Food Practices.* University of Greenwich. England.

Q&A

SESSION 3 | FOOD FUTURES: LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

17:25–18:25

Chair: Jorge Freddy Milian Gómez. *Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Belgium*

- **Valeria Paganizza** — *Food law in the metaverse: regulating food in virtual spaces.* University of Parma. Italy
- **Jens Karsten** — *Food Defence.* bxl-law. Belgium
- **Andrea Saba** — *From Carbon Farming to Nature Credits: Governing Emerging Voluntary Markets in Europe and Beyond.* Scuola Superiore Sant'anna. Italy
- **Maria Hristova** — *AI and Data in Agri-Food Systems.* EIT Bulgaria representative -Agriventures. Bulgaria
- **Kristian Cechmanek** — *Disinformation in the EU Agri-Food Sector: Threats, Impacts and the Limits of the Regulatory Response.* Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra. Slovakia

Q&A

18:25

Closing Remarks

Kim Van der Borgh. IJRG-ALFS Co-director

Jorge Freddy Milian Gómez. IJRG-ALFS Co-director

18:30–20.00

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