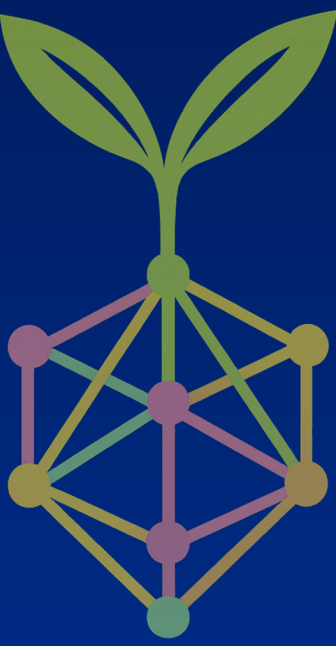
FOSTER CONFERENCE 2026

Feeding the Future

Food and Water Security in a Changing World



26–27 November 2026

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Water Security: From Global Rules to Local Uses

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14:15–14:30	Welcome	**Emanuele Castelli** FOSTER Project Coordinator, University of Parma
14:30–16:00	PANEL I **Rethinking Food Security in Global Food Systems**	**Chair:** Valeria Paganizza, University of Parma
	Can We Feed the Future without Livestock? Rethinking the Role of Terrestrial Animal Source Foods in Food Security and Nutrition	**Ana María Rueda García** FAO
	The Trade and Food Security Nexus in the EU-ACP Trade Relationship	**Nicola Bergamaschi** University of Parma
	The Informality of Standards: How Informal Practices and Corruption Shape Agri-Food Certifications in Latin America	**Marta Avesani** University of Groningen
	Protecting the Right to Food against Disasters: Towards a Disaster Risk Reduction Approach	**Federica Passarini** University of Tuscia
	Q&A and discussion	
16:00–16:30	*Coffee break*	
16:30–18:00	PANEL II **Water Security: From Global Rules to Local Uses**	**Chair:** Giulia Formici, University of Parma
	Between Permanent Sovereignty and International Cooperation: Situating Water Security in International Law	**Ludovica Di Lullo** University of Perugia
	Water Security and the Human Rights to Water and Food: Competing Uses, Resilience and Environmental Justice	**Loretta Moramarco** University of Bari Aldo Moro
	Who Decides over Water, and for What Use? Agriculture, Drinking Water, Ecosystems and the Governance of Water as a Common Good in France and Morocco	**Marta Aurino** Sciences Po
	Water Circularity vs Food Safety: The Tension between Water Scarcity and Food Safety in Spain's Agri-Food Industry	**David Velaz Bravo** University of Lleida
	Q&A and discussion	
18:00–18:30	Closing of Day 1	

DAY 2 Friday 27 November

09:00–09:30	Welcome	**Paolo Martelli** Rector, University of Parma **Lucia Scaffardi** Scientific Research Head, "Food for Future" Project – Department of Law, Politics and International Studies **Alberto Spagnolli** President, European College of Parma Foundation
09:30–11:30	ROUND TABLE **Water Security: Experts in Dialogue**	**Moderator:** Elena Carpanelli, University of Parma
	Carmine Soprano	Tor Vergata University of Rome; LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa
	Elsa Tsioumani	Transdisciplinary Institute for Environmental and Social Studies; IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin
	Rudolph Hupperts	FAO Legal Office
	Joana P. Firmino	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
	Laura Salamero Teixidó	University of Lleida
	Francesca Gaburro	Alliance of European Regions on Water Resilience and Preparedness for Climate Change – Regione Emilia-Romagna
	Benedetta Vimercati	University of Milan
	Pasquale Viola	University of Jaén
11:30–12:00	*Coffee break*	
12:00–12:45	KEYNOTE SPEECH **The Economics of Food and Water Security: Managing Risks, Accelerating Productivity and Mobilizing Investment**	**Máximo Torero** Chief Economist, FAO
12:45–13:00	Conclusions and closing of the conference	**Emanuele Castelli** University of Parma
13:00–14:00	*Light lunch*	

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