



THE AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY OF ROME



Consiglio
del cibo
di Roma

Food Policy Councils in Action

experiences, lessons and works-in-progress

Rome: June 20-21, 2025



Da un secolo, oltre.



Assessorato all'Agricoltura, Ambiente e Ciclo dei rifiuti
IV Commissione Capitolina Permanente Ambiente

WORKSHOP PROGRAM – JUNE 20

9:00-9:30	Welcome
9:30-10:00	<p>Session 1 - Chair: Laura Prota, AUR</p> <p>Speakers: Andrea Pacor, Dean of The American University of Rome (AUR) Maria Grazia Quiet, Coordinator of the Center for Food Studies, AUR Fabio Ciconte, President of the Rome FPC Giammarco Palmieri, Presidente Commissione Ambiente – Roma Capitale Rachel Reckinger, University of Luxembourg Egidio Dansero, Rete Politiche Locali Del Cibo</p>
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 2 - Chairs: Roberta Sonnino & Daniela Bernaschi</p> <p>Speakers: Anna Wisserman, Food Policy Councils Network in Germany: <i>Civil Society as instigators and hosts of Food Policy Councils</i> Mattia Andreola, Università degli Studi di Trento: <i>Tracing Democratic Innovations: A Longitudinal Perspective on Nutrire Trento, Food Policy Council in Turin</i> Virginie Bartholomé, Liège Food Policy Council: <i>Representativeness & Diversity of Stakeholders</i> Haley Parzonko, University of Surrey: <i>Deconstructing the ‘Food Production’ Category: Transatlantic Perspectives on Representing the Farming Community in Food Policy Councils</i> Noel Didla, Mississippi FPC: <i>The Mississippi Story</i> Eloisa Caixeta Cunha, FAO – <i>ESP: Ensuring transparency and participation in food councils</i></p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Session 3 - Chairs: Fabio Ciconte & Nessa Richman</p> <p>Speakers: Florent Yann Lardic, Terres en Villes, France. Céline Depiesse, Luxembourg FPC: <i>Governance of the Luxembourgish Food Policy Council</i> Gaia Maronelli, Trento Food Policy Council: <i>Opportunities and limits of informality: the case of Nutrire Trento</i> Theadora Swift Koller and Kaia Engesveen, WHO: <i>Leveraging the health sector’s role in food procurement and demand generation for the “triple wins” of healthy and safe food; healthy ecosystems; and health equity for all</i> Gabriella D’Amico, Food Coop Roma: <i>Food Coop in action @laurentinakm10</i> Francesca Gori, Davide Marino, Daniela Bernaschi, Francesca B. Felici Food Poverty Watch Rome: <i>Food Governance Networks and the role of Food Policy Council in Rome: An Exploratory Study</i></p>
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	<p>Session 4 - Chairs: Egidio Dansero & Rachel Reckinger</p> <p>Speakers: Chiara Roticiani, CLEVERFOOD project: <i>The Importance of Networks and Peer-Learning: The Example of CLEVERFOOD</i> Lori Stahlbrand, Toronto FPC: <i>People-centred food policy councils: The Toronto experience</i> Fabio Ciconte, Rome Food Policy Council: <i>The case of Rome FPC</i> Jessie Power, AFSA Australia: <i>The role of Farmers’ Organisations in Food System Governance</i> Riccardo Bruno, Veronica Allegretti, Tommaso Tonet, Egidio Dansero, Laura Ribotta. FPC in Turin: <i>Towards a Food Council in Turin: Governance Innovations and Opportunities for an Integrated Urban Food Policy</i> Guilherme De Sa Pavarini Raj, Research Fellow, Surrey University: <i>Beyond participation: examining Food Policy Network empowerment strategies in the Global South</i> Prof. Einar Braathen, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR): <i>Experiences from Oslo and Gothenburg</i></p>

17:00-17:30	Session 5 - Chair: Laura Prota, AUR Speakers: Daniela Bernaschi ; Univeristy of Florence Francesca B. Felici , CURSA Rachel Reckinger , University of Luxenbourg
19:00	Dinner at the International Women House in Trastevere. Meeting point: The American University of Rome - Via Pietro Roselli 2, 00153

WORKSHOP PROGRAM – JUNE 21

9:00-10:30	Session 1 - Chairs: Rodger Cooley, Chicago FPC & Lori Stahlbrand, Toronto FPC Speakers: Nevin Cohen , CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute New York: <i>Visualizing Voices: Making Food Policy Councils Transparent and Accountable through Smart Metrics</i> Nessa Richman , Rhode Island Food Policy Council: <i>Three Ways for FPCs to Increase their Impact through Evaluation</i> Laura Prota , Rome FPC: <i>Using Doughnut to rethink and monitor food policies</i> Roberta Massa and Silvia Massa , Rete Ricibo, Genova: <i>Bridging Narratives and Realities in Urban Food Policy</i> Luca Daconto, Mariaclaudia Cusumano , Milano-Bicocca University: <i>Urban environment and quality of life. A methodological proposal to support urban food policies and planning</i> Rachel Reckinger , University of Luxembourg: <i>The Value of the Process. Structural analysis and empirical strategies of twelve European cities' Food Policy Councils</i>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	Session 2 - Chairs: Nevin Cohen, CUNY Institute New York & Francesca B. Felici, CURSA Speakers: Limpakdy Somhack , Collective for food social security, France: <i>Social Security for Food: A way to Build a Right to Food</i> Leon Ballin , Sustainable Food Places, UK: <i>The power of food partnerships</i> Roberto Casalino, Carmine D'Antonio, Paola Persano , SNFIA Study Center: <i>New public incentives on insurance risk protection for innovative and sustainable agriculture</i> Roberto Sensi , ActionAID: <i>A comparison between Rome FOC and Milan</i> Nadia Tonoli , Bergamo FPC: <i>How European projects can strengthen food policies: Bergamo's experience</i>
12:15-13:30	Lunch



WORKSHOP PROGRAM – JUNE 21 (continued)

13:30-15:00	Session 3 - Chairs: Laura Prota & Juan Jose Echanove Speakers: Rodger Cooley , Chicago FPC: <i>Relationships, resilience, clarity, and adaptability</i> Lori Stahlbrand , Professor of Food Studies, George Brown College: <i>People-centred food policy councils: The Toronto experience</i> Morgan Janowicz , Green Rev Institute, Poland Julia Del Valle , Madrid FPC: <i>We gave it our best shot. Madrid FPC experience</i> Karen Schewina, PhD , Goethe University Frankfurt am Main / FPC Frankfurt: <i>One idea – three cities: the founding of food policy councils and the strategies of food policy entrepreneurs in Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Vienna</i>
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-16:30	Session 4: Hands on activity Facilitator: Ilektra Kouloumpi , Senior Expert Sectoral Transformation, Doughnut Economics Action Lab: <i>Mapping FPC's initiatives on the Doughnuts Economic Model</i>
16:30-17:00	Closing Session Speakers: Andrea Pacor , Dean of The American University of Rome Sabrina Alfonsi , City Councilor For Environment and Waste Laura Prota , The American University of Rome Fabio Ciconte , President of the Rome Food Policy Council

The Center for Food Studies at The American University of Rome has been created to

- provide a forum in English for intercultural and interdisciplinary exchanges, debates, and food-related projects.
- To promote and advance research in food-related topics within the University and with other research networks, including the Rome-based U.N. and CGIAR international organizations, the European Food Safety Authority, and the active civic food networks.
- To promote and share teaching and experiential learning in the interdisciplinary topic of food within AUR and with other universities and research centers worldwide.
- To foster internships with organizations involved in food.
- To encourage contacts and cooperation with the non-profit sector, businesses, and public sector institutions.
- To offer an affiliation opportunity for Visiting Scholars.

For further information, visit <https://aur.edu/cfs>

