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## **Towards a European Law of Sustainability?**

*Centro Universitario di Bertinoro  
Via Aldruda Frangipane, 4, 47032, Bertinoro (FC)  
Monday 8th – Friday 12th September 2025*

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***Monday, September 8, Plenary Hall***

**9.30-11.00**

Institutional greetings – **Tindara Addabbo** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Unimore, Italy)

Presentation of the conference – **Luigi Foffani** (Unimore, Italy)

Introduction – **Federica Raffone** (Unimore, Italy), **Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana** (University of Castilla-La Mancha, UCLM, Spain): *The current state of sustainability regulations. Current research areas and challenges with focus on criminal law*

11.00-13.00

***Criminal compliance and human rights***

(session in Spanish with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Adriano Godoy Firmino* (Public Prosecutor of the State of Goiás, Brazil)

*Speakers:*

**Jacopo Dopico Gómez-Aller** (University Carlos III° Madrid, Spain): *The laundering of the proceeds of corporate human rights violations. Prohibition and criminalization*

**Marta Muñoz de Morales Romero** (UCLM, Spain, online): *Criminal liability of multinational companies for human rights violations: an imminent reality?*

**Francesco Rossi** (University Carlos III° Madrid, Spain): *Sustainability, restrictive measures, and the entity's liability for violating them. The pros and cons of "ancillary criminal interventionism"*

**Beatrix García Moreno** (UCLM, Spain, online): *When geopolitics goes green: CFSP sanctions in the service of sustainability*

Replies and debate

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Lunch Break (13.00-14.30)

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14.30-18.00

***Sustainable enterprise between compliance and transparency of information***

(session in English and Spanish with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Luigi Foffani*

*Speakers:*

**Eduardo Saad-Diniz** (University of São Paulo, Brazil, online): *Sustainability, deforestation, and global warming in the Brazilian Amazon: crime and climate*

**Raúl Calvo** (Centro de Investigaciones Restaurativas of Buenos Aires, Argentina, online): *The restorative response for diligent companies*

**Marina Caporale** (Unimore, Italy): *Green and digital transition and data center economy*

**Adriano Martufi** (University of Pavia, Italy): *Sustainability and corporate restorative justice: new approach to the white-collar criminality in Europe?*



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Coffee Break (16.30 – 17.00)

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**Alberto Muñoz Arenas** (UCLM, Spain, online): *An overview of the disclosure of information relating to sustainability based on European Directives*

**Ana Belén Valverde Cano** (University Complutense Madrid, Spain): *The falsification of information on sustainability: criminal relevance and the responsibility of verifiers*

**Frieda Mainka** (University of Marburg, Germany): *VCCs, the EUs Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming Certification Regulation*

Replies and debate

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**Tuesday, September 9, Plenary Hall**

9.00-13.00

**Sustainability and enterprise**

(session in Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Presentation: Francesco Diamanti* (Unimore, Italy, online)

*Chair: Donato Castronuovo* (University of Ferrara, Italy)

*Speakers:*

**Stefano Senatore** (Food lawyer): *Communicating sustainability. Rules on environmental claims and upcoming reforms*

**Marcello Benetti** (CNA Modena): *The challenges of sustainability facing small and medium-sized enterprises*

**Francesco Lalli** (Culligan Italiana S.p.A.): *ESG: grandi sfide per grandi imprese*

**Cristiano Costantino Loddo** (Associazione Industriali delle Carni e dei Salumi/Salumitalia – Consorzi Indicazione Geografica): *La sostenibilità nella prospettiva giuridica e operativa delle*



*imprese del settore carni e salumi. Focus sulle Indicazioni Geografiche*

**Andrea Marchesini Reggiani, Sandra Federici** (Laboratorio di moda etica Cartiera):  
*Social, environmental, and economic sustainability in the management of a social enterprise: some observations*

**Gaetano Forte** (Food criminal lawyer): *Sustainability and criminal liability*

**Samuel Bolis** (Unimore, Italy): *Corporate liability and corporate compliance: the challenge of sustainability in the tax field*

Replies and debate

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Lunch Break (13.00-14.30)

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**14.30-18.00**

**Criminal Law and Crimes Against the Environment: Ecocide, Climate, and the Rights of Nature**

(session in English with simultaneous transcription)

*Chair: Adán Nieto Martín* (UCLM, Spain)

*Keynote Speech:*

**Adriano Godoy Firmino** (Public Prosecutor of the State of Goiás, Brazil): *The Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office's response to environmental crimes and our role in criminal prosecution*

*Panel Speakers:*

**Máximo Florín Beltrán** (UCLM, Spain): *Speculative projects embellished with greenwashing that pervert the concept of sustainability*

**Maria Josè Pifarrè de Moner** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona-UAB, Spain): *Sustainability and environmental protection in the new EU Criminal Law Directive*

**Marco Colacurci** (University of Campania Vanvitelli, Italy, online): *Corporate crime for ecocide*

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Coffee Break (16.15 – 16.45)

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**Riccardo Battistoni** (University of Eastern Piemonte, Italy): *Conflicting frameworks of environmental criminal protection: the environmental 'disasters' in the Italian Criminal Code*

**Niccolò Baldelli** (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy): *Preventing Corporate Environmental Crime: From EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence to Sustainability Reporting within the Compliance Model under Italy's Legislative Decree 231/2001*

**Finn-Lauritz Schmidt** (University Goethe of Frankfurt, Germany): *Rights of Nature – Criminal Law Implications in theory and Practice*

Replies and debate

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**Wednesday, September 10, Plenary Hall**

9.30-12.30

**Due diligence in business: regulatory approaches and sectoral challenges**  
(session in English, Spanish and Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

**Chair: John Vervaele** (University of Utrecht, Netherlands)

*Speakers:*

**Inma Valeije Álvarez** (University of Santiago, Spain): *Illegal fishing and due diligence in companies in the fishing sector*

**Barbara Palli** (University of Lorraine, France): *Due diligence with regard to fundamental social rights: French objections underpinned by the omnibus reform*

**Raquel Montaner Fernández** (Pompeu Fabra Barcellona, Spain): *Environmental diligence in corporate groups*

**Ana Isabel Pérez Cepeda** (University of Salamanca, Spain): *Corporate due diligence and criminal sanctions: challenges for a new legal paradigm*

Replies and debate

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Lunch Break (12.30 - 13.30)

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13.30-15.30

**Roundtable “Sustainability as a Principle of European Law”**  
(session in Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair:* Luigi Foffani

*Speakers:*

**John Vervaele** (University of Utrecht, Netherlands)

**Alessandro Bernardi** (University of Ferrara, Italy)

**Lorenzo Picotti** (University of Verona, Italy)

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Trip to Ravenna with tour of the mosaics and dinner (from 16.00 to 22.30)

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**Thursday, September 11, Plenary Hall**

9.30-11.30

**Sustainability and Business Law: different angles**  
(session in English with simultaneous transcription)

*Chair:* Federico M. Mucciarelli (Unimore, Italy)

*Speakers:*

**Alessio Bartolacelli** (Unimore, Italy): *Sustainability policies between public and business law*

**Florian Mösllein** (University of Marburg, Germany, online): *Between mission and market: relevance, types, and regulation of certification schemes for social and sustainable enterprises*

**Virginijus Bitė** (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania): *Direct claims of shareholders and third parties against directors. Lithuanian approach*

**Alessandro V. Guccione** (Unimore, Italy): *The EU sustainable finance framework: its functions in the context of the European financial markets legislation*

Replies and debate



11.30-13.30

***Facing the Dilemma: Criminal Law in the Age of Climate Change***  
(session in Italian and German with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Maria José Pifarré de Moner* (UAB, Spain)

*Speakers:*

**Carlo Ruga Riva** (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy): *Is environmental criminal law sustainable? From Greta to the grate*

**Katharina Beckemper** (University of Leipzig, Germany): *Ecocide - do we need a separate crime?*

**Judit Jacsó** (University of Wien), **Dóra Szikszai** (University of Miskolc, Hungary): *Traces of climate criminal law in Hungary*

**Ellen Gijselaar** (University of Leiden, Netherlands): *Green Light, Red Lines: When Permits Are No Longer Enough*

Replies and debate

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Lunch Break (13.30-14.30)

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14.30-18.30

***Sustainability, value chain and labor exploitation***  
(session in Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Francesca Curi* (University of Bologna, Italy)

*Keynote Speech: Paolo Storari* (Public Prosecutor's Office of Milan, Italy)

*Discussant:*

**Andrea Merlo** (University of Palermo, Italy)

**Ludovico Bin** (Unimore, Italy)

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Coffee Break (16.30-16.45)

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Interventi programmati

**Annalisa Lucifora** (University of Catania, Italy, online)

**Beatrix López Lorca** (UCLM, Spain)

Replies and debate

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***Friday, September 12, Plenary Hall***

9.00-12.00

***Corporate Accountability and Sustainability: Legal Frameworks, Compliance, and Global Perspectives***

(session in Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Giulio De Simone* (University of Salento, Italy)

*Speakers:*

**Rossella Sabia** (University Luiss Guido Carli, Italy): “*Sustainability laws*” versus “*corporate criminal liability*”. *Paradigms of responsibility, compliance measures, and enforcement architecture in a comparative framework*

**Marco Mossa Verre** (University Luiss Guido Carli, Italy): *The “Terra dei Fuochi” decree and the revolution in criminal waste regulations. Awaiting implementation of the new European directive on environmental crimes*

**Emanuele Birritteri** (University Unitelma Sapienza of Rome, Italy): *Economic and business measures to prevent organized crime and control supply chains*

**Giuseppe Di Vetta** (University Sant’Anna of Pisa, Italy): *Transnational perspectives on sustainability criminal law: projection into global value chains*

Replies and debate

12.00-13.00

**Sustainability, artificial intelligence and justice**  
(session in Spanish with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Adán Nieto Martín* (UCLM, Spain)

*Speakers:*

**Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana** (UCLM, Spain), **Gonzalo Jimenez** (UCLM, Spain):  
*Application of Generative AI to Compliance Auditing in Sustainability*

**Adriano Godoy Firmino** (Public Prosecutor of the State of Goiás, Brazil): *Experiences of the Goiás Prosecutor's Office in the Use of AI*

**Ana María Rodríguez Tirado** (University of Cádiz, Spain): *Criminal investigation, technological evidence, and AI in proceedings against legal persons for exploitation crimes*

Replies and debate

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Lunch Break (13.00-14.30)

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14.30-16.30

**Sustainability, vulnerability and gender perspectives**  
(session in Italian with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: María José Pifarré de Moner* (UAB, Spain)

*Speakers:*

**Valeria Torre** (University of Foggia, Italy): *Physiology of gender discrimination and sustainability*  
**Silvia Tordini Cagli** (University of Bologna, Italy): *Workplace disorders and gender discrimination*

**Federica Palmirotta** (Unimore, Italy, online): *Social sustainability in labour law: measures for active inclusion and the promotion of gender equality in the workplace*

**Katia Poneti** (Jura Gentium e Centro Documentazione CRID, Unimore, Italy, online): *Gender perspectives and vulnerability to climate change in light of international jurisprudence*



## Interventi programmati

**Raffaele K. Salinari** (Coordinamento Italiano NGO Internazionali): *La fame come strumento biopolitico: il caso di Gaza e del Sud Sudan. Raffaele K. Salinari Portavoce CINI*  
Replies and debate

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Coffee Break (16:30-16:45)

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**16.45-18.00**

**European sustainability law**  
(session in English and Spanish with simultaneous transcription in English)

*Chair: Luigi Foffani* (Unimore, Italy)

*Speakers:*

**Christoph Burchard** (University Goethe of Frankfurt, Germany): *Planetary Crime*

**Adán Nieto Martín** (UCLM, Spain): *Criminal law of sustainability: an initial mapping*

*Coordinamento scientifico:* Luigi Foffani (Unimore), Alessio Bartolacelli (Unimore), Federica Raffone (Unimore), Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana (UCLM)

*Segreteria organizzativa:* Mariamarta Caselli (Unimore), Martina Greppi (Unimore), Laura Brignone (Unimore)