2nd International Summer School "Food Safety and Food Security in Europe: Feeding the city"

Description

Participants to this Summer School will be given the unique opportunity to reflect and discuss on the timely and complex issue of assuring both Food Safety and Food Security in European cities. Lectures will be held in a relaxed but highly stimulating academic environment, with the aim to afford multifaceted questions and seek some concrete and effective answers.

The course

The general topics of the summer school will deal with food multidimensionality and its challenges in the European urban contexts, where food and nutrition issues closely interact with quality and sustainability of the urban development.

Various aspects of food safety, security, law and policy will be treated by leading academics, taking into consideration the challenging scenario where food is increasingly an urban issue. This one-week Summer School offers intensive training on the most innovative developments in urban food systems and provides a strong learning environment and a unique opportunity for acquiring new knowledge in an informal and interdisciplinary setting.

By talking, studying and interacting with food experts, participants are able to gain new perspectives. This is achieved by combining traditional classroom instruction with workshops and field trips offered by dedicated and distinguished international experts.

The course will address specific themes:

- **Food Safety**, with a general introduction to agro-technologies and food safety;
- **Food Security**, a concept of competing paradigms;
- **Food Choices and Health**, addressing the diet quality and the social and economic determinants of food choices that will be discussed with regard to impact on health.
- **Food Law and policy**, it is considered as an important pillar of the course, as food policies have an essential role in attaining the goal of nutrition equality, providing participants (whether legal experts or not) with a sufficient knowledge of the contents and purposes of national, European and international legislation.
- **Feeding the city**, dealing with formal and informal urban food strategies.

The Summer School is open to undergraduates and/or postgraduates and/or professionals who want to improve their knowledge of the theory and practice of urban food systems.

The Summer School is designed for students, researchers and professionals from different disciplines working in governments, companies, foundations, worker cooperatives, non-profit organizations and associations, with interest in the different sectors and dimensions of the food chain. With a multidisciplinary approach, the course aims to meet the growing need for a new generation of well-rounded academics, professionals and policy makers.
Students will have the opportunity to work in workshops and to participate in field trips to a food safety laboratory, to an unsold goods recovery and development company and to urban gardens in Brescia.

The official language of the course is English

The class

A maximum of 20 participants will be admitted, including undergraduate, graduate students, young researchers, and professionals. A 200 € subscription fee will be charged. It includes access to the course, a ticket to the Unesco site San Salvatore-Santa Giulia in Brescia. Thanks to the International program of Brescia University and to sponsor contribution, partial financial support will be provided to foreign students.

The University of Brescia will certify the attendance to the course, through official recognition of 3,0 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). The participation to the Summer School will entitle the participants to the recognition of credits within the Italian Bar Association.

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