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From **June 15th to 19th 2026**, the *School of Policy on Sustainable Agriculture* will bring together experts and academics to analyze crucial themes related to technological innovation in agriculture and the ecological transition. The program focuses on cutting-edge topics such as precision agriculture, water resource management, and climate change adaptation strategies for tree crops.

The School is structured around three core pillars:

Lectures 👩🏾‍🏫 – Participants will engage with professors and researchers from the University of Bologna and the University of Tuscia, gaining insights into the latest developments and challenges in sustainable agriculture.

Project Design Laboratory🔗 – Participants will receive hands-on support in developing a concept note for an innovative project in the sustainable agriculture sector, strengthening their project design and proposal-writing skills.

Field Visits 🚎– Participants will meet policymakers from the Emilia-Romagna Regional Government, as well as experts from the Canale Emiliano Romagnolo and the Consorzio di Bonifica Pianura di Ferrara. These visits will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge, explore best practices, and learn from successful experiences in water management and sustainable agricultural development.

The School of Policy has been organized and coordinated by Prof. Andrea Zinzani and Prof. Licia Proserpio, Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna, with the collaboration of the Asia Institute (https://site.unibo.it/asiainstitute/it).

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 14/06/2026

Delegates from Central Asia will find a transfer at airport arrival. Look for *"BRIDGE- School of Policy on Sustainable Agriculture"* sign.

MONDAY 15/06/2026
Asia Institute, Palazzo Paleotti, University of Bologna (UNIBO) - Via Zamboni 25

10.00 Participant Registration
10:30-11.00: Greetings from University of Bologna
Prof.ssa Raffaella Campaner - Vice Rector for International Relations, UNIBO
Prof. Antonio Fiori - Director of the Asia Institute, UNIBO
11.00-11.30: Roadmap - School Schedule, Participants' interests and Future Commitments, Prof. Andrea Zinzani (BRIDGE UNIBO Coordinator) and Prof. Licia Proserpio, UNIBO
11.30-12:30 Introduction of each delegation. Please prepare 15 minutes presentation (if you want you can use Power Point).

12:30-14:30: Lunch at Casa Altabella, Via Altabella 12/A, Bologna

14:30-17:00🧑🏾‍🏫: Fruit industry in Emilia Romagna, Prof. Elena Baldi, UNIBO

TUESDAY 16/06/2026
Asia Institute, Palazzo Paleotti, University of Bologna (UNIBO) - Via Zamboni 25

09:00-11:00 🧑🏾‍🏫: Precision agriculture and digital tool, Prof. Raffaele Casa, Università degli Studi della Tuscia
11:00-13:00 🧑🏾‍🏫: Climate trends and impacts on agricultural production, Prof. Raffaele Casa, Università degli Studi della Tuscia

13:00-15:00: Lunch at Il Caffè della Corte Bistrot, Corte Isolani 5b, Bologna

15:00-17:00🧑🏾‍🏫: Water and precision irrigation systems, Prof. Moreno Toselli, UNIBO

WEDNESDAY 17/06/2026
Asia Institute, Palazzo Paleotti, University of Bologna (UNIBO) - Via Zamboni 25

09:00-11:00🧑🏾‍🏫: Hydrology, irrigation and water resources management, Prof. Andrea Petroselli, Università degli Studi della Tuscia
11:00-13:00🧑🏾‍🏫: Innovation for drought, heat, and extreme events for fruit crops, Prof. Cristian Silvestri, Università degli Studi della Tuscia

13:00-14:00: Light Lunch at Asia Institute

14:00-16:30🔗: Laboratory: How to design an innovative project- Prof. Licia Proserpio, Jessica Milano
16:30-17:30🔗: Group work

20.00 - Dinner at La Mela, Via de' Fusari 5, Bologna

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 18/06/2026
09.30 Bus pick up at the hotels.

10:00-12:30🚌 🔗: Lectures by the Regional Government of the Emilia-Romagna Region, ***Viale della Fiera, 8, 40127 Bologna BO***

The regional agri-food system and the CAP policy framework
Dr. Gianpaolo Sarno – DG AGRI, Emilia-Romagna Region, Sustainable Agriculture Area

Regional policies for the ecological transition of the agricultural sector
Dr. Gianpaolo Sarno – DG AGRI, Emilia-Romagna Region, Sustainable Agriculture Area

The AKIS system in Emilia-Romagna
Antonio Totaro – DG AGRI, Emilia-Romagna Region, Innovation, Knowledge and Training Area

Promoting regional climate resilience through Nature-based Solutions and innovative governance mechanisms: the case of the project ARCADIA - Horizon Europe
Lorenzo Oretti – Area Sviluppo Sostenibile, Unità Clima ed Energia- ART-ER S. cons. p. a.

13:00-14:30: Lunch at Trattoria del Mulino, Via Giuseppe Verdi, 10, 40054 Budrio BO

14:30-16:30🚌: Field visit at the irrigation canal "Canale Emiliano Romagnolo" and at the research center CER- ACQUA CAMPUS - AREA DIMOSTRATIVA TECNOLOGIE IRRIGUE Via San Zenone, San Zenone, Budrio, Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, 40054, Italia https://www.consorziocer.it/acqua-campus-2749/

FRIDAY 19/06/2026
09.30: Bus pick up at the hotels.

10:15 🚌: Arrival in Ferrara, Palazzo Naselli-Crispi. Welcome coffee. Greetings from the President and Director of Consorzio di Bonifica - Pianura di Ferrara, and a brief introduction to water governance in the Ferrara area.
11:00: Departure for Codigoro/Lagosanto
12:00-13:00🚌: Visit to the Codigoro pumping station

13:15-14:15: Lunch at Abbazia di Pomposa

14:30-15:30🚌: Visit to Salvi Vivai nursery company in Lagosanto (FE) https://www.salvivivai.it/
15:30-16:00🚌: Visit to the Galavrone water recirculation facility near Codigoro
17:30 Arrival in Bologna

LECTURERS AND SPEAKERS

Elena Baldi is an Associate Professor at the University of Bologna. Her research involves the fertilization of fruit species in temperate climates, with a specific focus on the use of recycled organic matter.

Raffaele Casa is a Professor of Agronomy at the University of Tuscia. He conducts research on precision agriculture within both national and international projects.

Jessica Milano is an Asia-focused Policy Analyst and research fellow at the Asia Institute.
Lorenzo Oretti is an expert of the Sustainable Agriculture division, Climate and Energy Unit, of the Regione Emilia Romagna

Andrea Petroselli is an Associate Professor at the University of Tuscia. His research fields include hydrology, hydraulics, irrigation, and water resource management.

Licia Proserpio is Junior Assistant Professor in History and Institutions of Asia at University of Bologna. Formerly International Relation Officer and Research Manager at UNIBO, she has 15+ years of experience in project development and management.

Giampaolo Sarno is the director of the Sustainable Agriculture division of the Regione Emilia Romagna.

Cristian Silvestri is Associate Professor at the University of Tuscia. He specializes in plant biology and biotechnology research.

Moreno Toselli is a Professor at the University of Bologna. His research focuses on the sustainable management of fruit tree crops.

Antonio Totaro is an expert of the Innovation, Training and Advisory Services Area Directorate-General for Agriculture, Hunting and Fisheries of the Regione Emilia Romagna.

Andrea Zinzani is an Assistant Professor in Geography and Political Ecology at the University of Bologna. His research focuses on environmental governance and change in Central Asia with projects in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan. He is the scientific coordinator of the BRIDGE project at the University of Bologna.

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