

12th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEEA)
22-23 June 2023
Università degli Studi di Milano
Milano, Italy

Guns, Germs and Climate: Food security and Food Systems in a Risky World

Call for Papers

Recently, the agrifood systems have faced unprecedented challenges due to global warming, the Covid-19 crisis, and the war in Ukraine marking the third global food price crisis in 20 years. Since the start of the war, calls to strengthen food security have dramatically increased across the world. The conflict has exacerbated surges in agricultural prices, jeopardising the access of the poor to food intake and diet as well as the ability of more vulnerable countries to import the required quantity of food. The increased frequency of climate, health and conflict shocks requires more effective and bold responses at both the national and international level. Making the food systems more resilient to such shocks to ensure food security and support livelihoods, and doing so in an environmentally sustainable way require multilateral cooperation, political collaboration, innovation and long-term commitments from both public and private stakeholders.

Many claim that is time for a new approach to food system management. On the one hand, international organizations need for a comprehensive humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach that calls for a more effective and efficient aid. This entails, among other things, more holistic analyses, long-term strategies that support systemic transformation, and investment in adaptive management. On the other hand, the European Commission has asked Member States to adjust their CAP national strategic plans in consideration of the evolving geopolitical context while keeping in mind the EU Green Deal and the Farm to Fork objectives, to build more resilient and sustainable food system.

With an emphasis being put on sustainable agricultural production, food processors and retailers are also expected to contribute to the sustainability and inclusiveness of the food value chains, for example, through responsible food business and marketing practices. International trade should also contribute to advancing the transformation of food systems, although the inclusion of sustainability standards in bilateral trade agreements entails trade-offs and might not deliver the desired outcome in a reasonable timeframe.

The 12th AIEEA Annual Conference aims to discuss how shocks – being them extreme weather events, health-related shocks or anthropogenic events (e.g., conflicts) – are affecting food systems and explore how food systems can be reformed to be better prepared to absorb, adapt and transform in the face of shocks as well as to slow onset disruptions. It will contribute to scholarly and policy debate, by putting together different (economic) disciplines and approaches to discuss innovations, incentive schemes and

policies to create more resilient, equitable and inclusive food systems while reducing their environmental footprint.

The overall conference theme is "Guns, Germs and Climate: Food security and Food Systems in a Risky World", with a focus primarily but not exclusively on the following sub-themes:

- The EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices
- Carbon farming mechanisms
- Modelling food systems in a risky world
- Policy options to respond to shocks and stressors
- Affordability of nutrient-adequate diets in the face of shocks
- Shock-induced poverty traps/resilience to shocks
- Food security and nutrition in migrant and left-behind households
- Food systems' innovation strategies in the face of shocks and stressors
- Strategies and tools for the adaptation to climate change

AIEEA welcomes the submission of contributions on the topics above. However, the submission of contributions on other agricultural and applied economics topics is also encouraged.

Submissions

Contribution proposals should be submitted in English through the conference management platform, ConfTool, available from the conference page on the AIEEA website (www.aieea.org). There are three types of contributions: contributed papers, organized sessions, and posters.

Contributed papers

Participants intending to present a contributed paper are requested to submit an extended abstract (minimum 1,500 words; maximum 2,000 words) before the **28th of February**, 2023. Abstracts should be formatted according to the template available at <https://www.aieea.org/file/2452/download?token=0ugJrqSQ>, and include the following:

- a. Introduction to the topic and objectives of the paper
- b. Description of data and research methodology
- c. Discussion of the expected theoretical and empirical results
- d. Main conclusions and emphasis on the paper's potential for generating discussion during the conference
- e. A list of a few essential references.

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of paper acceptance by the **15th of April**, 2023.

The final version of accepted contributions (either in the form of a full paper or revised extended abstract) should be submitted by the **31st of May**, 2023 (full paper template is available at <https://www.aieea.org/file/2456/download?token=QKNx-U7B>).

Upon the Authors' authorization, the final version of the abstract/paper will be made available on the conference website and *AgEcon Search*.

Authors may indicate their willingness to participate in the Special Issue that Bio-based and Applied Economics dedicates to the Annual Conference of the AIEAA. The papers will be subject to a standard review process.

Organized sessions

Participants are invited to propose organized sessions primarily, but not exclusively, on topics relevant to the conference themes. The organized session can be an organized paper session including several paper presentations around a given topic, or an organized panel session including several panel experts discussing a specific topic. It is suggested that the proposed sessions include up to four papers.

Proposals should be submitted by the **15th of March**, 2023 (paper session template is available at https://www.aieaa.org/file/2454/download?token=IKd_9Jgg; panel session template is available at <https://www.aieaa.org/file/2455/download?token=h24AT89I>). Organized session proposals will be subject to a peer review process. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the **25th of April**, 2023.

Posters

AIEAA welcomes the submission of posters. Accepted posters will be presented and discussed in dedicated sessions. Participants should submit an abstract (max 500 words) by the **15th of March**, 2023 (abstract template is available at <https://www.aieaa.org/file/2452/download?token=0ugJrqSQ>). Poster proposals will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of poster acceptance by the **25th of April**, 2023 (poster template is available at <https://www.aieaa.org/file/2459/download?token=XtEfGedj>).

Presenting author's registration

Authors presenting papers, posters, or organized sessions must register for the conference before the **31st of May**, 2023 (failing that, the paper/session/poster will be withdrawn from the conference program).

Ornella Maietta Best paper award

The best paper award 2023, entitled to Ornella Maietta, will be selected among papers accepted for presentation at the AIEAA 2023 conference. The requirements for consideration for the best paper award are: a) the first author and presenter is below 40 years; b) the full paper is uploaded by **31st May 2023**.

Important deadlines

Abstract submission by authors: **February 28th, 2023**

Organized session/poster submission: **March 15th, 2023**

Notification of acceptance to abstract authors: **April 15th, 2023**

Notification of acceptance to session/poster authors: **April 25th, 2023**

Final contributions submission: **May 31st, 2023**

Authors' registration deadline: **May 31st, 2023**

Keynote speakers

Martina Bozzola (Queen's University Belfast and Zurich University of Applied Sciences)

David Laborde (International Food Policy Research Institute)

Luc Christiaensen (the World Bank)

Luca Tiberti (Università degli Studi di Firenze)

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 21, 2023: afternoon	AIEEA – Young Researchers Day 2023 (see the specific call for papers for deadlines and fees)
Thursday, June 22, 2023: morning	AIEEA pre-conference
Thursday, June 22, 2023: afternoon	12th AIEEA Conference
Friday, June 23, 2023: all-day	

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Registration Fees

Registration fees include the conference lunches, the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

Early Registration (before April 30th)

Regular fee: 280€ (200€ if already an AIEAA member in 2023)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 150€ (110€ if already AIEAA member in 2023)

Late Registration (after April 30th)

Regular fee: 320€ (240€ if already a member in 2023)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 210€ (170€ if already a member in 2023)

Registration Procedure

Online registration will be possible on the conference website (<https://www.conftool.net/aieaa2023>)

*For AIEAA – Young Researchers Day 2023 follow the specific call for papers

Information and contacts

For updated information and contacts, please refer to the conference website at www.aieaa.org or email aieaa2023@conftool.net