

## **UH Law Center's Global Law and Policy Initiative and University of Bologna to Collaborate on Sustainability Week**

**Nov. 13, 2024** - The University of Houston Law Center's Global Law and Policy for the Americas initiative is partnering with the University of Bologna for a four-day event titled "Sustainability Week." It will be held in-person from Nov. 25 – 28 at the University of Bologna's Forlì Campus and will also be available via livestream.

This week-long workshop, which will include academics, law students, PhD students and fellows, will explore the global and local dimensions of sustainability intersecting international law, constitutional law, comparative law, political science, economics and sociology. The grant-funded project was awarded through a competitive process by the University of Bologna.

"I am excited about this collaboration that brings together European scholars, Latin American scholars and U.S. scholars in a very unique and special way," said Elizabeth Trujillo, UH Law Center Global Law and Policy for the Americas program director, law professor and event co-organizer. "Sustainability Week allows us to build on our institutional collaboration with the University of Bologna to explore issues surrounding sustainability from research and interdisciplinary perspectives, and also a student learning perspective"

"Sustainability, climate change and sustainable development are the some of the biggest challenges of our current time," Trujillo said. "We have to figure out ways of reframing our international legal frameworks, as well as our domestic frameworks to better align with sustainable development goals."

The conference's lectures will touch on sustainability as a transnational issue, sustainability and trade, sustainability in climate engineering and sustainability in the energy transition among other discussions. [Click here for the complete list of topics.](#)

Featured speakers will include:

- University of Bologna Assistant Professor Sabrina Ragone
- University of Bologna Professor Marco Balboni
- University of Bologna Associate Professor Marco Borraccetti
- University of Houston Law Center Mary Ann & Lawrence E. Faust Professor Elizabeth Trujillo, the Founding Director of Global Law and Policy for the Americas
- University of Bologna Junior Assistant Professor Maria Arvaniti
- University of Houston Law Center Instructional Professor of Law Tracy Hester
- University of Houston Law Center Assistant Professor Chinonso Anozie
- University of Bologna Professor Giorgia Pavani's.
- University of Bologna Professor Riccardo Prandini

Sustainability Week is open to academics, students and graduate fellows. Up to 10 spaces are available for UH Law Center students interested in attending the event virtually.

For more information on the upcoming “Sustainability Week” program, please [click here to view a video](#) or visit the [University of Bologna’s website](#). If you would like to participate either in person or in the livestreamed event, please contact Professor Elizabeth Trujillo, GLPA director, at [eitrujil@central.uh.edu](mailto:eitrujil@central.uh.edu) and Karen Jones, Executive Director of Global and Graduate Programs, at [kjones15@central.uh.edu](mailto:kjones15@central.uh.edu).

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