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## **XXIII WEEK OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD: ITALIAN AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Keynote address by

**Paola Allegra Baistrocchi**

Consul of Italy in Detroit

**Bruno Basso**

John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor  
MSU Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

**Vincenzina Caputo**

Associate Professor  
MSU Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

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### **Sustainability in Agricultural and Food Systems / *Bruno Basso***

Agriculture is at the nexus of several pressing issues, including climate change, resource depletion, biodiversity loss, and food inequality. The sustainability of agricultural and food systems has become a paramount global concern, given their critical role in ensuring food security, environmental preservation, and economic stability. The food systems, intended as the entire journey from farm to fork, play a pivotal role in achieving sustainability. The talk will highlight the multifaceted dimensions of sustainability in agriculture and food systems, highlighting key challenges and strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, optimize resource utilization, enhance soil health, and protect ecosystems.

### **Sustainable Food Choices / *Vincenzina Caputo***

The food system transformation towards sustainability has emerged as a central focus in global agricultural discussions and policy debates. Production systems are increasingly integrating sustainable agricultural practices, while policymakers are advocating for green strategies more vigorously than ever before. However, the successful scalability of sustainable solutions depends not only on producers' willingness to adopt them but also on consumers' preferences and willingness to shift towards more sustainable diets. The talk will address critical aspects of sustainable consumption, shedding light on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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