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# Comparative Development Studies

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**Dr. Maria Fonte** is a professor of rural sociology and agricultural economics at the University of Naples "Federico II" in Napoli, Italy.

**The first session** aims at offering students a room to discuss different frameworks for the analysis of the current "crisis" and "turn" in the global agro-food economy. What is wrong with the present agro-food system? What is the future food system we would like to aim at? What strategies and forms of governance may be better suited to lead us to the desirable future? The articles proposed to reflection offer different theoretical perspectives on how to direct agro-food economy toward sustainability and social justice. The course wants to stimulate students' participation in order to develop a comparative perspective at global level on these topics.



**Dr. Raymond Jussaume** is a Professor and the Chair of the department of sociology at Michigan State University.

**The second session** aims at providing students with an overview of the last several decades of theoretical development in Development Studies leading up to, and including, a review of the concept of Sustainable Development. Throughout the course, student will review the main theoretical traditions of Development Sociology. As part of this review, the students will also review some of the main empirical examples used to debate these theories. The students will be encouraged to apply the theoretical material they master in this course to their own research interests.

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### The First Session

by Prof. **M. Fonte**

1) **16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Recent themes in the development of agriculture: quality turn, rural development, alternative food networks

2) **17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

How to conceptualize transitions: multi-level perspective, social practices and real utopias

3) **18<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Local Food in the transition: a real utopias project?

4) **20<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Democratising food: foodshed, food councils and new forms of governance

### The Second session

by Prof. **R. A. Jussaume, Jr.**

1) **23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Introduction: situating sustainability within development

2) **24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Classical approaches to conceptualising

3) **25<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Why does "underdevelopment" persist?

4) **26<sup>th</sup> 13:00-16:15**

Planning and evaluating development strategies

5) **27<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00**

Reprise: situating sustainability within development

**@ Meeting Room(8F)**

Faculty of Law/Economics East Building

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