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Circular Economy and the Law: Innovation, Policies and Regulation for a Sustainable Environment

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Achieving a Circular Economy is a challenge of increasing importance for businesses, citizens and consumers: innovators, policy-makers and regulators need to create a synergy linking environmental and economic performances.

Against such background, this conference aims to critically assess, in a Law&Economics policy-oriented perspective:

- ***current policies for achieving a “Circular Economy”;***
- ***management of material flows;***
- ***value, management and rights on waste;***
- ***ways of tackling planned obsolescence – especially in the digital world – as disruptive phenomenon for both environment and consumer rights***

In the framework of this conference, the scope, aims and methods of the new UniFe PhD programme in Environmental Sustainability and Wellbeing will be presented and discussed.

The conference is linked to the INNO4SD network (www.inno4sd.net) and the activities of the new UNIFE research centre CERCIS (Circular Economy, Innovation and SMEs).

Thursday, 6th June 2019

14:00 Registration

14:30 Welcome addresses

Giorgio Zauli (*University of Ferrara, Rector*)

Laura Ramaciotti (*University of Ferrara, Dean of the Department of Economics
and Management*)

14:45 Scope and Aims of the Conference

Massimiliano Mazzanti (*University of Ferrara, Vice-Dean of the Department of
Economics and Management*)

15:00 I. Policies for a Circular Economy: State of the Art and Developments

The European Strategy for a Circular Economy: Challenges and Chances

*Hugo-Maria Schally (European Commission, Head of unit on “Multilateral environmental
cooperation” - Directorate General for the Environment, Brussels)*

The Italian Implementation of the EU Strategy for a Circular Economy

Cinzia Tonci (Italian Ministry of Economic Development, Rome)

16:00 Discussion

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 II. New Challenges for a Circular Economy

Chair: *Massimiliano Mazzanti (University of Ferrara)*

Circular Economy: Policies and Innovation

Alessio D’Amato (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

Circular Economy and Servitization

Evelyne Terry and Bert Keirsbilck (Catholic University of Leuven)

18:15 Discussion

20:00 Speakers’ Dinner

Friday, 7th June 2019

09:00 III. Management of Material Flows

Chair: Roberto Zoboli (Catholic University of Milan)

Globalisation and the Circular Economy

Raimund Bleischwitz (University College, London)

The distributional effects of resource efficiency

Florian Flachenecker (European Commission's Joint Research Center)

Economics of Waste Prevention

Henning Wilts (Wuppertal Institute für Klima, Umwelt, Energie)

10.30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 IV. Value and Management of Waste

Chair: Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara)

Waste Policies and the Circular Economy: A Political Economy Approach

Roberto Zoboli (Catholic University of Milan)

Waste: a New Property?

Giorgio Resta (University Roma Tre)

Green Contracts and Circular Economy

Sara Landini (University of Florence)

13:00 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

14:30 V. Planned Obsolescence and the Circular Economy

Chair: Michael Lehmann (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich)

Comparative Warranty Law: The Case of Planned Obsolescence

Stefan Wrбка (University of Applied Sciences for Management and Communication, Vienna)

Tackling Planned Obsolescence in the Digital Economy: Unfair Commercial Practices and the new EU Directive on the Sale of Goods

Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara)

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 VI. Sustainability in Context

Chair: Massimiliano Mazzanti (University of Ferrara)

Forming Ecological Minds: the new UniFe PhD Programme in *Environmental Sustainability and Wellbeing*

Paola Spinozzi (University of Ferrara)

17:00 Discussion

17:15 Concluding Remarks

The program will be updated

Access to the conference is free of charge

Please note that access to the conference is limited to 70 participants.

Should you wish to attend,
please **register by 30 May 2019.**

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