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## COMPARE:

### A Symposium to Explore Synergies in Food & Agricultural Systems Studies

Friday, May 4, 9AM -4PM  
Abstracts due March 12, 2018

As part of an international collaborative effort between Mizzou and the University of Bologna, we invite graduate students and young researchers to participate in the COMPARE Symposium's Lightning Talks on Agricultural and Food Systems Research. This is a great opportunity to share research with the campus community and visiting scholars.

There are many departments engaged in scholarship and research about agricultural and food systems at Mizzou. By sharing our exciting research across individual disciplines and colleges we hope to facilitate conversation and identify synergies to think bigger and better, together.

The University of Bologna, founded in 1088, is one of the leading academic institutions in Italy and Europe. The Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences operates in the fields of Biological Chemistry, Economics and Policy, Engineering, Vegetable Production, Food Microbiology, Animal Production, Food Science and Technology and others. The Department of Management operates in the fields of Business Economics, Economics of Financial Intermediaries, Economics and Business Management, Business Finance, Engineering Management, Business Organisation and Commodity Sciences.

This event is part of an ongoing collaboration – *Enabling education and comparative research on agricultural, food and rural policy (COMPARE)* - between The Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the Department of Management at the University of Bologna (UNIBO) and the University of Missouri (MU) - College of Agricultural, Food and Natural Resources International Programs.

Half the session (morning or afternoon, tbd) will feature visiting scholars from UNIBO and MU who are engaged in this exchange program. The other half (morning or afternoon) will be an opportunity for other graduate students at MU to present their research topics of interest.

#### Topics of interest:

- Innovations for Managing the Food-Energy-Water Nexus
- Agricultural and Rural Development: Food and Bioenergy
- Agricultural, Food and Bioenergy Policy
- International Food Systems and Policy Development
- Developments in Managing Food Loss and Waste
- Environmental impacts of Agriculture: Defining problems, finding solutions
- Identifying and Adapting to Challenges of Climate Change in Agriculture
- Agricultural and Food Systems Education



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The goal of these lightening talks (5-10 minutes per presenter, time will be finalized following abstract reviews) will be to share information across the Mizzou campus and the University of Bologna to identify potential for collaborative and comparative research.

There will be time to network with colleagues following the presentations.

Please submit a 300 word abstract to <https://tinyurl.com/y8p2zltg> by March 12th, 2018 for consideration.

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