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**Industry Community Project – ICPU  
a.y. 2023/24**

Info day 4th March 2024



## Agenda

- Welcome from joint degree and international ranking delegate prof.ssa Mara Thiene
- What is ICPU
- Specific information of ICPU
- Student testimonials
- Q&A time



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## ICPU Partnership

- The ICPU partnership is a collaborative project organized by three internationally renowned Universities, i.e. the University of Padua (Italy), the University of Sydney (Australia) and the University of Lausanne (Switzerland);
- Edition 2024 will be hosted by the University of Padua;
- The project class will be made up of a mix of students from the three universities;
- External partners (industries, community, organizations, other stakeholders) will also be involved throughout the project



## The ICPU history @ UNIPD

2019 – @ Sydney. Project topic **“The future of milk”**

2019 – @ Padova. Project topic **“Food and Health”**

2020 – @ Sydney. Project topic **“Food for Thought- Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2020 – the course was suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic.

2021 – fully online course. Project topic **“Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy - Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”**

2022 – fully online course. Project topic **“Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy”**

2023 - @ Sydney. **“Food & Health in a Circular and Sustainable Economy”**



# ICPU 2024

**WHAT: Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability**

**WHEN: 24th June - 19th July, 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> week (24-28 June): remote work (online)

2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks (1-6 July + 8-12 July): face-to-face @ Padua

4<sup>th</sup> week: (15-19 July) remote work (online)

**DEADLINE: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 1pm (CET)**



## ICPU in a nutshell

- **6 credits** -> need OK from students office & course coordinator
- Intensive learning activity
- Students **collaborate with industry partners**; an academically rigorous activity led by academics and industry leaders with high-level expertise
- Students work on a business opportunity or problem in **interdisciplinary groups** of 5-10 members from 3 different universities Sydney, Padua and Lausanne, supervised by an academic and guided by an external partner



# Towards soft skills development

## **Personal and professional development**

practical application of specialized expertise acquired from discipline-based study; ability to reflect and articulate a personal, ethical and professional identity;

## **Collaboration**

working with students from various disciplinary, social and cultural backgrounds, where all members bring different perspectives, mental models and mindsets;

## **Complex problem-solving**

exploring tools to approach complex problems; identifying variables; articulate problem statements and desired outcomes; applying methodologies to collect data and find solutions



## Programme outline

- Students work in **interdisciplinary** and **intercultural** groups;
- Workshops on personal and professional **reflection, collaboration** and complex **problem-solving**;
- Groups explore a topic using a facilitated and **iterative process** of **idea filtering**;
- A problem statement, desired outcomes and a systems map of the issues will be presented at the end of week 1 both orally and in written form;
- Ideas are researched, tested and refined by consulting literature, analyzing data, conducting surveys and interviews;
- Final outcomes and recommendations are then presented orally and in a final report.





## Some industry partners

- **Illy caffè** coffee producer <https://www.illy.com/>
- **Ferrero** chocolate producer and confectionery company  
<https://www.ferrero.com/>
- **Cereal Docks** industrial group active in agri-food processing  
<https://www.cerealdocks.it>
- **Brazzale** milk and dairy producer <https://www.brazzale.com/>

## Structured lectures and workshops cover...

- collaboration and scaffolding
- complex problem-solving
- design and systems thinking
- project design and stakeholder analysis
- designing primary data collection
- presenting for impact
- formulating and evaluating solutions





## ICPU schedule 2024

week 1	mon 24/6 - thu 27/6 8-11 am	On-line	allocation to groups, meet your group introduction to the course, orientation, partner briefings, collaboration workshop, submission group plans and statements
week 2	mon 1/7 - fri 5/7 9 am - 6 pm	Off-line	proposal presentation, group work, panel sessions, secondary research, submission of project plans, full in presence by UniPD
week 3	mon 8/7 - fri 12/7 9 am - 6 pm	Off-line	group research, data analysis, industry feedback, group presentations, full in presence by UniPD
week 4	mon 15/7 - fri 19/7	On-line	group work, individual statements, limited structured activities. students must complete their required papers



## Assessment

Individual statement (1000 words) (in two instalments of 500 words)	Individual	20%	a) week 1 b) week 4
Group plan 2000 words	Group	20%	week 2
Group Presentation 6 mins + Executive Summary (300 words or equivalent)	Group	20%	week 3
Group Project Report 4000 words (or equivalent)	Group	40%	week 4
Group work survey	Individual	0%	week 4
Attendance	Individual	0%	continuous



# Application Requirements

- Be a student at UNIPD:
  - No 1<sup>st</sup> year Bachelor Degree students
  - No incoming exchange students
  - Mobility concluded before ICPU starts (24<sup>th</sup> June)
  - Do not graduate before ICPU ends (19<sup>th</sup> July)
- Respect minimum language requirements (min. level B2)
  - as per the following link :  
<https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>
  - language certificate must be submitted within 31st may 2024
  - certifications are accepted only if obtained up to a maximum of five years from the start date of the ICPU course of 24 June 2024



## Administrative process

Timeline for selected students:

- 8<sup>th</sup> April: list of selected students and reserve list
- Successful candidates must declare that they are accepting their place and confirm it via email to [virtual.exchange@unipd.it](mailto:virtual.exchange@unipd.it)

Check your “@student.unipd.it” email address regularly as it will be the only communication channel !



## Level of financial contribution

- Since the activities take place at the University of Padua, there is no financial contribution for participants.
- The University of Padua will cover transportation costs related to any offcampus activity for all participants.



# Student testimonials



**Julia Belik and  
Ophelie Martin Leblanc**





**International Relations Division**

**Projects and Mobility Office**

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**<https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu>**



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**Thank you for your  
participation**

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