



Embassy of Italy
Canberra



4.30pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th May 2025

The economic value of bees and of a healthy environment

Embassy of Italy, 12 Grey Street, Deakin, ACT

PROGRAMME

- 4:20 Arrival, gathering in front of the gate of the Italian Embassy.
- 4:30 **Roberto Rizzo**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Italy
Welcoming remarks & walking to the hives while having a look at the garden.
- 4:35 **Cormac Farrell**,
Guided visit to the hives at the Embassy. Healthy bee colony in healthy environment.
- 5:00 Moving from the garden to the Embassy Theatre,
- 5:15 Light refreshments + honey
- 6:00 **The economic value of bees and of a healthy environment**
In conversation with:
Prof. **Mara Thiene**, University of Padova, Italy
Ms. **Lisa Bambic**, Director, Environment Information Australia, DCCEE
Ms. **Giorgia Dalla Libera Marchiori**, Planetary Health Equity Hothouse, ANU
Leads the discussion
Dr. **Marco Lazzarino**, Scientific attaché, Embassy of Italy in Canberra
- 6:45 Q & A
- 7:00 End of the program





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Cormac Farrell is the director of Stakeholder Engagement and Capability at Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. He's an environmental Scientist with a background in the management of native grasslands, woodlands, and forest ecosystems, particularly bushfire sensitive design. He is a passionate beekeeper with broad experience in beekeeping methods. He is the ex-President of ACT Beekeepers Association and is currently Head Beekeeper for the Australian Parliament. He currently runs over a dozen hives throughout Canberra and the surrounding region, producing award-winning honey from Langstroth, Warre and Top-bar hives.



Mara Thiene is a full professor at the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry at the University of Padua. Her research activity is focused Environmental and resource economics, discrete-choice modelling, food choice, non-market valuation, agricultural and food economics, forest economics, energy economics, rural economics. She's a member of the board of Board of ENVironmental CHOice (ENVECHO) A scientific network of researchers using Discrete Choice Modelling in the field of environmental valuation. Since 2018 she's Honorary Professor at the School of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.



Lisa Bambic is the Director of Environmental Economic Accounting and Environmental Indicators at the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, where she's in charge of the drafting the governments Environmental Economic Accounts program. She implemented the United Nations System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) in Australia to reveal society's complex relationships with nature and to identify which policies can be implemented to lower environmental pressures, while at the same time continuing to manage the economy effectively. SEEA plays a vital role in responding to complex policy challenges and effectively contributes towards the evolution and increased uptake of integrated policies.



Giorgia Dalla Libera Marchiori is a scientist and systems thinker. She is doing her PhD at the Planetary Health Equity Hothouse at the Australian National University where she is investigating the role of philanthropy in achieving healthy people on healthy planet. Giorgia also organizes public events on the topic of economic system transformation. She previously worked within the NGO sector on global health and sustainability issues, including the EU food system policy.

