Rice is an important element of food culture in Italy and Japan, where it plays a primary role in terms of production, gastronomic tradition, and artistic representation. Following the "farm to table" approach, the contributions to this workshop will touch upon rice cultivation and production chains shared by the two countries despite differences in cultivation and harvesting techniques. Rice will provide inspiration to explore the implications of technological innovation for production systems and sustainability, as well as environmental impact. The influence that rice exerts on economic and social contexts—in production, distribution, and consumption—will also be considered. From this perspective, the workshop will focus on production methods, organoleptic characteristics, and food safety, but will also deal with the profound link between tradition and innovation that distinguishes the sector. The range of contributions will embrace agricultural science and economy, as well as several other branches of knowledge, including the humanities, in keeping with the multidisciplinary tradition of ISEAS workshops.

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16:00–19:30 JST
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16:00-16:20 Opening Address
Gianluigi Benedetti Ambassador of Italy in Japan
Giorgio Amitrano Università di Napoli L’Orientale

Greetings
Silvana De Maioo Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, Tokyo
Silvio Vita Kyoto University of Foreign Studies
Italian School of East Asian Studies

16:20-16:50
Alessandra Marti (Università degli Studi di Milano La Statale)
From Kernel to Pasta: The Many Ways to Process Rice in Mediterranean Countries

16:50-17:20
Tasuku Kato (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology)
Japanese Paddy Field Development: History, Environmental Constraints, and the Current Situation

17:20-17:50
Gian Attilio Sacchi (Università degli Studi di Milano La Statale)
Sustainability, Security, and Safety of Rice Production from the Perspective of Climate Change

17:50-18:20
Marianna Ferrara (Sapienza Università di Roma)
Edible Encounters: Rice and Fish in Early Modern Italian Travel Writing about “the Orient”

18:20-18:50
Corrado Molteni (Università degli Studi di Milano La Statale)
Economics and Politics of Rice in Japan

18:50-19:20
Junko Kimura (Hosei University, Tokyo)
Brand Management of Rice in Japan

19:20-19:30 Concluding Remarks
Antonella Baldi (Università degli Studi di Milano La Statale)

*5-10 minutes of discussion time will follow each presentation

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