



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Sociologia della Politica

1920-3-E4001N098

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#### Learning objectives

The course aims to provide the fundamental sociological concepts allowing students to develop a critical perspective on political phenomena and the politics of everyday social life.

##### *Knowledge and understanding*

The course aims to promote the knowledge and understanding of categories, theoretical and research perspectives that characterize the sociological study of politics.

##### *Applying knowledge and understanding*

The course promotes students' ability to autonomously exert a sociological critical viewpoint on processes, institutions and practices of contemporary politics.

#### Contents

The course focuses on the sociological perspective in the analysis of both politics, understood as an institutional sphere, and the political dimension of various social phenomena. After a first introduction on the concepts of "politics" and "the political", the course is divided into thematic sessions focused on the study of political cultures and identities, the symbolic and

communicative dimension of politics, participatory processes, collective action and social movements, and contemporary citizenship. Each of such topics is addressed both theoretically and through empirical examples. The course adopts a participatory approach, oriented to promote the practice of sociological imagination on political phenomena.

## **Detailed program**

The course is structured in two parts. The first one provides an overview of the main concepts in the sub-discipline of the Sociology of Politics, by drawing on both classic and contemporary scholars from different sociological traditions. The second part focuses on some of the main topics in the contemporary political sociological debate, related to political cultures, social and political cleavages (class, gender, age, territory etc), participation, collective mobilization, political communication and socialization, and the transformation of citizenship.

## **Prerequisites**

Basic knowledge of sociology.

For attending students, fair understanding of English written texts (scientific articles) and of written and spoken Italian (the course main language) are also required.

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures, presentation and discussion of readings by students.

## **Assessment methods**

Attending students:

ORAL exam,

Attending students can also choose to present a reading to the class, which will add up to 3 points to the final mark.

In alternative to the written exam + reading presentation, attending students can also choose to write and present a short essay. Topics, length and contents will be defined at the beginning of the course.

Not attending students:

ORAL exam

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Attending students:

- 1) Ceccarini, Luigi e Diamanti, Ilvo, 2018, *Tra politica e società. Fondamenti, trasformazioni e prospettive*. Bologna, Il Mulino.
- 2) Cherubini, Daniela, 2018. *Nuove cittadine, nuove cittadinanze? Donne migranti e pratiche di partecipazione*. Milano, Meltemi.
- 3) Magaraggia, Sveva, e Giovanna Vingelli, eds., 2015 *Genere e partecipazione politica*. Milano, FrancoAngeli.

The compulsory parts of these books, as well as other readings to be presented and discussed in class, will be indicated at the beginning of the course.

Not attending students:

- 1) D'Albergo, E., 2014, *Sociologia della politica. Attori, strutture, interessi, idee*, Roma, Carocci.
- 2) Magaraggia, Sveva, e Giovanna Vingelli, eds., 2015, *Genere e partecipazione politica*. Milano, FrancoAngeli.

An alternative bibliography in English for not attending students can be provided upon request.

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