SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Philosophy of Social Knowledge

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Learning objectives

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Detailed program

1) The problem of scientific method, explanation and prediction in social sciences and economics
2) Holism, Individualism and Methodological Cognitivism
3)The cognitive theory of social action
4)Nudge, Choice Architecture, and the behavioral basis of public policy
5) The neural mechanism of social behaviour.

Prerequisites

no one

Teaching methods

lectures and drills

Assessment methods

oral exam

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1. _____

2. Guala, F. (2006). Filosofia dell'economia, Bologna: il Mulino.

 3. _____

4. Thaler, R. and Sunstein, C. (2009) *Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth and Happiness,* London: Penguin.

5. Gigerenzer, G. (2007). *Gut Feelings.* London: Penguin.

6. Viale R.. (2018) *Oltre il Nudge*. Bologna: Il Mulino.