



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Sociologia dei Fenomeni Religiosi

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#### Learning objectives

The course aims to provide students with the basic tools for the sociological analysis of religious phenomena, in particular in the forms in which they are manifested in the contemporary world. Through the knowledge of classical and more recent theories, students will be able to build research projects on the cultural, social and political role of religious phenomena in relation to contemporary social reality.

#### Contents

The program is divided into two parts. The first one will discuss the main sociological theories, from the classics to the more recent ones. The second part will focus on the forms of religious life in contemporary societies, on the forms of the sacred and alternative spiritualities, on the processes of change and adaptation in relation to the dynamics of secularization in a globalized world.

#### Detailed program

##### First part: theoretical questions.

- 1) presentation and discussion of some main classical theories of the sociology of religions
- 2) presentation and discussion of some major contemporary theories

##### Second part: transformations of contemporary religious phenomena (case studies and researches)

- 1) secularization and religious pluralism
- 2) religions and public sphere
- 3) forms of religious individualism
- 4) fundamentalisms and alternative spiritualities
- 5) mediatization of religion

## **Prerequisites**

There are no preliminary requirements for the course.

## **Teaching methods**

In the Covid-19 emergency period, lessons will take place in a mixed mode: asynchronous and synchronous videotaped lessons.

## **Assessment methods**

In the Covid-19 emergency period, exams will be oral and telematic. They will be carried out using the WebEx platform and the link for accessing the exam will be shown on the e-learning page of the course.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

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