



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Social Structure and Process of Economy

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#### Learning objectives

The course has two main objectives:

giving elements for the theoretical understanding of the social dimension of economic life;

giving tools for knowledge and analysis of some empirical domains in which social and economic relations, and their transformations, are particularly relevant today

#### Contents

The sociological study of economic phenomena: the classics

Karl Polany and the great transformation

The financial capitalism

The foundational economy

The empirical field: the social innovation

#### Detailed program

The first part of the course provides the basic elements for the sociological study of economic phenomena, presenting and discussing the most important approaches in classical theories.

Afterwards we will outline the main features of the so called financial capitalism.

Then we will deepen a specific current approach (the foundational economy) and will discuss its potential of analysis by referring in particular to the Italian case.

The third part of the course is devoted to the case of the social innovation as an empirical field exemplifying themes and issues related to the social dimension of the economy

## **Prerequisites**

Good skills in learning, writing and oral communication.

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures and exercises

## **Assessment methods**

Written and optional oral examination.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Dispensa a cura del docente

Luciano Gallino, 2013, Finanzcapitalismo, Einaudi, Torino

Karl Polany, 2001, La grande trasformazione (selected chapters), Einaudi, Torino

Filippo Barbera, Joselle Dagnes, Angelo Salento, Ferdinando Spina (a cura di) (2016), Il capitale quotidiano. Un manifesto per l'economia fondamentale, Donzelli, Roma.

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