



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Sociology of Knowledge

2021-2-E4001N125

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#### Learning objectives

The course deals with the philosophy and sociology of knowledge and with its relation with cognitive sciences

#### Contents

The course will introduce the meaning of models, causality and prediction in social sciences; the role of mind in social action; the impact of behavioral sciences in political sciences; the neural foundation of social behaviour.

#### 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 knowledge and 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**

written exam

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Guala, F. (2006). *Filosofia dell'economia*, Bologna: il Mulino.
  3. Cerroni, A. (2020). *Understanding the Knowledge Society*. Cheltenham: Elgar
  4. Goldman, A. (2019). *Philosophical Application of Cognitive Sciences*. London: Routledge.
  5. Callagher, S, & Zahavi, D. (2008). *The Phenomenological Mind*. London: Routledge.
  6. Viale R.. (2018) *Oltre il Nudge*. Bologna: Il Mulino.
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