



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociology of Knowledge

2021-2-E4001N125

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. Viale. R. (2012). *Methodological Cognitivism-Mind, Rationality and Society*. Heidelberg: Springer (Chapters 1-4)
 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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