



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Policies For Urban Security

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Learning objectives

The main objective of the course is reflecting on how analyze crime trends and the perception of insecurity of the population in urban contexts. Perceived insecurity is a social problem, which encompasses several dimensions such as personal experiences, demographic factors, socio-economics characteristics, the environmental setting. Consequently, social security can be addressed from different perspectives and by public policies that involve several actors at different levels.

Contents

The course focuses on the urban contexts and the four key dimensions of insecurity (objective, subjective, socio-geographic and socio-economic dimensions). In particular, it explores the mismatch between crime trends and the perception of insecurity, also examining the influence of social markers. Finally, models of policies at national and European level are discussed.

Detailed program

The course is divided into a theoretical part which will discuss the concept of urban security, the main theoretical approaches on social control, the normative dimension of urban security and the evolution of policies for urban security, with particular attention to the models of urban security. policies . A second part will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of some empirical research carried out at national and European level on the issue of urban security governance. The third part of the course will be aimed at examining in depth some readings and case study presentations by the students.

Calendar of lectures and topics

1/10 Presentation of the course and its teaching method. Risk and danger in contemporary societies.

5/10 Introduction to the concept of security. Urban security and its dimensions: objective, subjective, socio-economic and spatial geographical.

8/10 Actors and competences in security governance.

12/10 How to study urban security. Presentation of some empirical research conducted at local, national and European level.

15/10 Social control and fear construction in cities.

19/10 Moral panic and décor.

22/10 Urban security policies: the European framework.

26/10 Evolution of urban security policies in Italy.

29/10 The regulatory framework for urban security: from the Minniti's Decree to the Salvini's Decree.

2/11 Security policies for the night.

5/11 Contended sound territories: daspo, ultras and cities (Lorenzo Pedrini's Seminar)

9/11 Discussion, in-depth analysis and guide to the individual preparatory work for the construction of a final paper.

12/11 Discussion, in-depth analysis and guide to the individual work preparatory to the construction of a final draft.

16/11 Discussion, in-depth analysis and guide to the individual preparatory work for the construction of a final paper.

19/11 Discussion, in-depth analysis and guide to the individual preparatory work for the construction of a final paper.

23/11 Discussion, in-depth analysis and guide to the individual preparatory work for the construction of a final paper.

30/11 Presentation of the papers and final evaluation

3/12 Presentation of the papers and final evaluation

Prerequisites

No prerequisites

Teaching methods

During the Covid-19 period, the lessons will take place completely on a remote basis in synchronous mode. During the course, always on a remote, there will be exercises with the students.

Assessment methods

For students who follow the lessons on a remote basis, there are discussions about the readings and the presentation (always on a remote basis) of a final paper which is the exam . Please note that in the Covid-19 emergency period the exams will be telematic only. They will be conducted using the WebEx platform and the e-learning page of the teaching will contain a public link to access the exam for possible virtual spectators.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

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Pitch, T. Contro il decoro, l'uso politico della pubblica decenza, Laterza, 2013

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Tulumello, S. From "Spaces of fear" to " Fearsapes". Mapping for reframing theories about the spatialisation of fear in urban space, *Space and Culture*, 2015, 18.3: 257-272.

Ricotta, G. Neoliberalism and control strategies: the urban security policies in Italy, *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 2016, 9(2): 543-566.

Gargiulo, E., Cuono, M. Emergenze, crisi, sicurezza. Decisioni extra-ordinarie tra governo centrale e amministrazione locale, *Diritto e questioni pubbliche*, 2017, vol. XVII, 2.

Molteni, A. La devoluzione securitaria. Studi sulla questione criminale, 2015, 10(1):15-38.

Selmini, R. Urban policing in Italy: Some reflections from a comparative perspective. *Policing European Metropolises: The Politics of Security in City-Regions*, 2017, 167.

Calarescu, M. La politica di sicurezza urbana in Italia. L'esperienza dei "patti per la sicurezza" nel triennio 2007-2009, *Rivista italiana di politiche pubbliche*, 2012, : 387-418.
