



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Il Servizio Sociale Internazionale

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#### Learning objectives

##### *Knowledge and understanding*

The course provides an historical and compared perspective about the evolution of international social work, with specific attention to Europe, in terms of theory and practice.

##### *Applying knowledge and understanding*

Provides awareness of the effects of globalization on social work and on the importance of policy practice actions.

#### Contents

- Globalization and effects on social work
- International social work
- Social work in Europe: commonalities and differences
- Theoretical models of social work in Europe

## **Detailed program**

The course will present studies and analysis on the theory and practice of social work at international level, in a comparative perspective with in-depth examination of the experiences of some countries. It will analyze how the professional social work, strongly hinged in various national contexts, has by its nature produced experiences and profoundly different organizational forms, while aspiring to a degree of universality, scientific reliability, professional autonomy and moral responsibility. At the same time, it will reflect on the European social work in light of the social effects of globalization, to become aware of the need to acquire, even at local level, an international perspective and activate policy practice interventions.

## **Prerequisites**

Mastery of theoretical knowledge and methodological basis regarding social work and good skills in learning, writing and oral communication.

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures and groupwork. European and international scholars will join, when possibile, some lectures.

Teaching will be offered in Italian language.

During Covid-19 emergency period, lectures will be realised in remote mode, asynchronously with some synchronous videoconferencing events.

## **Assessment methods**

Paper presentation for students attending lectures: the content of the dissertation must start from a personal interest, compared with the contents of the obligatory Lorenz text and of the other text chosen among those proposed.

Oral exam for non-attending students.

The evaluation will be carried out on the ability to read a problem or a phenomenon that social work faces with in the light of the theoretical contents dealt with in the texts.

During the Covid-19 emergency period, oral exams will only be online. They will be carried out using the WebEx platform and on the e-learning page of the course there will be a public link for access to the examination of possible virtual spectators.

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

*Mandatory for everyone:*

W. Lorenz, "La globalizzazione e il servizio sociale", Carocci, Roma

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b) Campanini A., Frost E. (edited by), "European Social Work. Commonalities and Differences", Carocci, Roma, (2004);

c) Dominelli L., "Il servizio sociale. Una professione che cambia", Erickson, Trento, (2005)

d) Gal J, Weiss-Gal I. (editor) "Influencing Social Policy: An International Perspective on Policy Practice", Policy Press, Bristol (2012);

e) Hämäläinen J., Littlechild B., Chytil O., Sramata M., Jovelin E. (editors), "Evolution of Child Protection and Child Welfare Policies in Selected European Countries", Publisher University of Ostrava – ERIS with Albert Publisher(2012);

f) Healy L., Thomas R. "International Social Work", Oxford Press (2020, 3rd edition);

i) Payne M., Askeland G.A., "Globalization and International Social Work: Postmodern Change and challenge", Ashgate, (2008);

j) Payne M., "Modern Social Work Theories", Palgrave MacMillan, Basingstoke, fourth edition (2014);

k) Welbourne P, Dixon J. (editors), "Protecting Children: A Global Appraisal", Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London, (2013).

j) Social Dialogue <https://socialdialogue.online> (at least 5 issues)

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