



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Sistemi di Welfare Comparati

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#### Learning objectives

The aim is to develop the conceptual and methodological tools needed for the comparative analysis of welfare systems and for the analysis of social policies.

#### Contents

Main topics of the course:

- 1) theories about welfare state, welfare regime and welfare system
- 2) historical and sociological explanation of the development of the welfare state
- 3) typologies of welfare state
- 4) sectors of welfare policies
- 5) social policy and inequality
- 6) poverty and social policy

#### Detailed program

In the first part of the course the main concepts and theories about welfare and welfare state are introduced, with reference to the historical development of State intervention in this domain. The welfare state is approached in combination with social and economic inequality and with the impact that welfare policies can have on it. Then, the different sectors of welfare policies (pensions, health, work, and social assistance) are analysed in details. This part is focused on the Italian situation but with systematic comparison with the other European and extra-European

countries.

Finally, the important question of poverty and the policy instruments to fight poverty is discussed, with special reference to basic income schemes.

## **Prerequisites**

None

## **Teaching methods**

Given the Covid-19 epidemic, only a small fraction of lessons will be held in presence. Everything will be available to remote students.

Teaching activities:

- 1) video-recorded lessons uploaded on moodle
- 2) lessons in presence available in streaming
- 3) lessons in streaming, including teamwork and exercises

## **Assessment methods**

The exam is written and oral. If necessary, it will be held at distance through the Webex platform.

The student is required to answer to one question for each text.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Basic texts:

- 1) M. Ferrera, "Le politiche sociali", Il Mulino, (2012);
- 2) D. Carbone e Y. Kazepov, "Che cos'è il welfare state?", Carocci, Roma, (2007);

One text among the following:

- 1) W. Beveridge, "Alle origini del welfare state", Angeli, (2010)
- 2) Ciarini, Le politiche sociali nelle regioni italiane, Il Mulino, 2012
- 3) Politiche Sociali/Social Policies: 2 numeri monografici sul terzo settore: Caratteristiche e transizioni del non profit in Italia (1/2016) e La riforma del terzo settore in Italia (2/2019)
- 4) E. Morlicchio, "Sociologia della povertà", Il Mulino (2012)

5) F. Conti e G. Silei, "Breve storia dello stato sociale", Carocci (2013)

6) C. Saraceno, D. Benassi e E. Morlicchio, Poverty in Italy. Features and drivers in a European perspective, Policy Press (2020)

An english program is also available for foreign students

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