



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Workshop - Antropologia e mondo del lavoro

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#### Course title

Anthropology and labour market

#### Topics and course structure

**Training in the anthropological field is still largely aimed at university research** even though, according to European statistics, only a small part of those who obtain a PhD have real opportunities to access the academic career market.

At the same time, attempts have been underway for years to consolidate and enhance the experiences that anthropologists are gaining outside the university. These experiences, as well as the specific problems that practitioners encounter, struggle to find space in the training field. This leads to a paradox: although **the future of most of the students of anthropology courses is outside the university**, they reach the end of their studies without having a specific preparation that allows them to make the most of the skills acquired. In many cases aspiring anthropologists find themselves disoriented and forced to further training steps, to make an unintelligible title spendable to a wider audience.

**The literature on professional anthropology is very limited**, partly at the behest of the clients, but, above all, because in the professional sphere there are no evaluation mechanisms that push academic researchers to produce scientific publications. The channels of communication within the discipline are for the most part governed by scientific criteria that struggle to dialogue with consultancy, commissioned research, intervention, and action research or work in transdisciplinary groups.

The laboratory **Anthropology and labour market** is structured as a path through different moments that characterize the profession of anthropologist outside the academic context.

The following topics will be addressed during the various meetings:

- ethics and deontology
- how to build a professional profile based on the articulation of skills and experience
- rates, taxation, and labor costs
- how to construct an estimate based on a research and intervention calendar
- consultancy role and negotiation with the client
- methodologies and techniques
- teamwork and transdisciplinary work
- forms of restitution, white and gray literature, dissemination

## **Objectives**

Students will be introduced to the current labour market situation in the field of cultural anthropology. Opportunities and critical issues will be analysed based on concrete cases addressed during the workshop.

## **Methodologies**

**Each meeting will be attended by a guest speaker** who will present his or her work as an anthropologist outside the university and answer questions and queries from participants.

Participation in the workshop requires a tangible and constant commitment on the part of the students, who will be called upon to intervene and produce materials; frontal lectures will be carefully avoided, and it will not be possible to attend passively to the lab.

## **Online and offline teaching materials**

The teaching materials will be given to the students during the workshop.

## **Programme and references for attending students**

A bibliography is not provided.

## **Programme and references for non-attending students**

A bibliography is not provided.

## **Assessment methods**

Students will be evaluated based on their participation in the workshop and the production of assignments agreed with the teacher.

As this is a workshop activity, **continuous attendance is strongly recommended**, but the situation of non-attending students will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and alternative credit arrangements agreed.

More information will be provided during the first meeting, you can contact the teacher at the address: [ivan.severi@unimib.it](mailto:ivan.severi@unimib.it).

## **Office hours**

By appointment, to be agreed by e-mail.

## **Programme validity**

The programs are valid for two academic years.

## **Course tutors and assistants**

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