



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Citizenship: Conflicts, Rights, Gender

2122-2-F8802N011

Learning objectives

The teaching program is aimed at analyzing issues, which are politically relevant at the global level, recurring to a theoretical, normative and critical approach. In particular, the course is interested in highlighting fundamental concepts in social and political philosophy, comparing them to hot issues debated in the public sphere

Contents

The course will be structured into two main parts: an introductory section and a monographic one focused on truth and lie in politics and in the public sphere. First part - Historical, theoretical and pragmatic meanings of the concepts: citizenship, democracy, human rights, justice, freedom, equality, solidarity, power, recognition, gender, violence. Second part: examples concerning: hate speeches, fake news, populism, negationism, pandemic crisis

Detailed program

A detailed program will be presented during the first lecture of the course and published on line.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of political theory and the functioning of democratic institutions.

Learning attitudes and engagement in working groups.

Interest in argumentation and active participation in debates.

Writing skills in relation to the chosen paper's topic.

Teaching methods

Lectures; case-studies analysis; working groups; students' presentations; seminars with Italian and international guests; multi-media means. Lectures will be also in English.

Assessment methods

Oral exam on the basis of a paper, drawn up according to the indications provided by the professor. Attender and non-attender students will have different information on the drafting of the paper. International students can take the exam in English.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Main reference texts for the course:

Arendt H. (2004) *Verità e politica*, Torino, Bollati Boringhieri.

Arendt H. (2009) *Le origini del totalitarismo*, Torino, Einaudi.

Cedroni L. e Calloni M. (2012) *Filosofia politica contemporanea*. Firenze, Le Monnier.

Derrida J. (2014) *Storia della menzogna*, Roma, Castelvecchi.

Mounk Y. (2018) *Popolo vs Democrazia. Dalla cittadinanza alla dittatura elettorale*, Milano, Feltrinelli.

Müller J.-W. (2017), *Cos'è il populismo*, Milano, Università Bocconi Editore.

Zuboff S. (2020), *Il capitalismo della sorveglianza. Il futuro dell'umanità nell'era dei nuovi poteri*, Roma, LUISS U.P.

The student will have to choose a specific topic for the paper. It has to be discussed in advance with the teacher (according to information that will be published on the e-learning page), who will provide a detailed bibliography about the chosen argument.

Additional reference materials: During the course the instructor will provide additional materials in Italian and English.
