UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

The European City

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Learning objectives

Knowledge and analytical skills regarding transformations of the European contemporary city and urban systems: urbanization processes and urban morphology, urban social vulnerability and exclusion, urban policies, public space. Acquiring skills to draw up a research project on urban issues.

Contents

Advanced course in Urban Sociology

Detailed program

The course analyses the main transformations affecting European contemporary cities and urban systems. Three thematic areas are presented and discussed: a) new forms of urbanization in relation to accessibility and sustainability issues; b) new forms of polarisation, poverty and vulnerability in urban environments; c) actors and policies and tools influencing the socio-territorial transformations of European cities.

Prerequisites

Basic course in urban sociology or equivalent

Teaching methods

Lectures, invited speakers, students' presentations and discussion.

Assessment methods

Active attendance mode: presentation of journal articles and writing a research project on urban themes.

Non-active attendance mode: oral exam.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

- Vicari Haddock S., a cura di (2013). *Questioni urbane*. Bologna: il Mulino.
- Colleoni M. (2019). *Mobilità e trasformazioni urbane. La morfologia della metropoli contemporanea*. Milano: FrancoAngeli. (Chapters 3 and 4)
- Kazepov Y. (ed) (2005). *Cities of Europe: Changing Contexts, Local Arrangement and the Challenge to Urban Cohesion*. Wiley-Blackwell. (Chapters 1 and 2, Parts I and II)
- EU, UN-HABITAT (2016), The State of European Cities, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.