



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.
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