



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Thought Systems, History of Ideas

2122-1-F0101R010

Course title

"Barbarism" and The Diversity of Cultures

Topics and course structure

This class aims to critically reflect on the notions of "barbarian" and "barbarism". We shall examine some uses, highlighted by the anthropological and the historical discourse, that will lead us to address issues such as ethnocentrism, the culture/nature divide, cultural identities and diversities.

Objectives

Through this teaching, by means of an active attendance to lectures, we intend to promote:

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Methodologies

Lectures, seminar discussions, papers assignment.

Online and offline teaching materials

Texts, PPP slides, videos.

Programme and references for attending students

Reading list:

Levi-Strauss C., *Razza e storia e altri studi di antropologia*, Einaudi, Torino 1967 (o ediz. successiva);

Lévi-Strauss C., *Da Montaigne a Montaigne*, Raffaello Cortina, Milano 2020;

Hartog, F., *Memoria di Ulisse. Racconti sulla frontiera nell'antica Grecia*, Einaudi, Torino 2002;

and three essays from G. Cerchiai, G. Rota, L. Simonutti (eds.), *Barbarie in età moderna e contemporanea*, Franco Angeli, Milano 2018.

Programme and references for non-attending students

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Hartog, F., *Memoria di Ulisse. Racconti sulla frontiera nell'antica Grecia*, Einaudi, Torino 2002;

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Assessment methods

Oral exam, aimed at verifying knowledge of the topics addressed and of the reading list; the ability to argue for or against a given thesis; the autonomy of critical reflection.

Office hours

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Programme validity

Programs are valid for two academic years.

Course tutors and assistants
