UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Anthropology of Tourism

2122-1-F0101R069

Course title

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Topics and course structure

The course is an introduction to anthropology of tourism.

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to show the peculiarity of the anthropological perspective on tourism and its methodological tools;

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to enable to develop an anthropologically-informed understanding of the processes of identity and authenticity making.

Objectives

To develop critical abilities of analysis, synthesis and conceptualization

Methodologies

Online and offline teaching materials

Programme and references for attending students

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Programme and references for non-attending students

Non-attending students have to contact the course instructor for further advice on books choice.

1. Bruner, E. (2005), *Culture on Tour*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press
2. *Burns*, P. (1999) An introduction to *tourism* and *anthropology, Rutledge*

3. J. Boissevain (1996), *Coping With Tourists: European Reactions to Mass Tourism*, Berghahn

Assessment methods

Attending students

Attending students will be evaluated through an oral exam

Non-attending students

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Programme validity

two years

Course tutors and assistants

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