



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociology of Knowledge

2223-2-E4001N125

Learning objectives

The course deals with the philosophy and sociology of knowledge and with its relation with cognitive sciences

Contents

The course will introduce the meaning of models, causality and prediction in social sciences; the role of mind in social action; the impact of behavioral sciences in political sciences; the neural foundation of social behaviour.

Detailed program

1. The problem of scientific method, explanation and prediction in social sciences and economics
2. Holism, Individualism and Methodological Cognitivism
 - 3)The cognitive theory of knowledge and social action
 - 4)Nudge, Choice Architecture, and the behavioral basis of public policy
3. The neural mechanism of social behaviour.

Prerequisites

no one

Teaching methods

lectures and drills

Assessment methods

written exam

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1. Viale, R. (2012). Methodological Cognitivism-Mind, Rationality and Society. Heidelberg: Springer (Chapters 2-4)
2. Guala, F. (2006). Filosofia dell'economia, Bologna: il Mulino.
or
Okasha, S. (2016). Philosophy of Science. Oxford: Oxford University Press
3. Cerroni, A. (2020). Understanding the Knowledge Society. Cheltenham: Elgar (optional)
4. Goldman, A. (1993). Applicazioni Filosofiche della Scienza Cognitiva. Bologna: Il Mulino (capitoli I e II)
or
Goldman, A. (1993). Philosophical Applications of Cognitive Science. London: Routledge (Chapters I and II)
5. Callagher, S. (2017). The Enactivist Interventions. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (optional)
6. Bonini, N., Del Missier, F., Rumiati, R. (2008) Psicologia del giudizio e della decisione. Bologna: Il Mulino (optional)
7. Thaler, R. and Sunstein, C. (2008). Nudge. London: Penguin (optional)
8. Gigerenzer, G. (2007). Gut Feeling. London: Penguin (optional)
9. Viale R.. (2018) Oltre il Nudge. Bologna: Il Mulino.
or
Viale, R. (2022) Nudging. Cambridge Mass: The MIT Press

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | GENDER EQUALITY | CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY | DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | CLIMATE ACTION
