UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Citizenship: Conflicts, Rights, Gender

2223-2-F8802N011

Learning objectives

he Course aims to address issues of global political relevance, according to a theoretical, normative and critical approach, emphasising ongoing social changes.
In particular, the Course aims to introduce fundamental concepts of political and social philosophy, confronting them with issues debated in the public arena, especially in the light of pandemic, climate and war emergencies.

Contents

The Course will be divided into four main parts:

1. Concepts of political and social philosophy: citizenship, democracy, human rights, justice, freedom, equality, solidarity, power, recognition, gender, violence.
2. In-depth monograph: the question of truth and lies in politics and the public sphere, examining fundamental texts in political philosophy (especially Arend and Habermas);
3. Workshop exercises: students will be invited to work on fake news, hate speech and denialism, as conveyed mainly through social media;
4. Presentations: students will present their work from the analysed cases and reference texts.

Detailed program

The extended course programme will be presented during the first lecture of the course.

Prerequisites

- Basic knowledge of political theory and the functioning of democratic institutions.
- Willingness to learn and work in groups.
- Interest in argumentation and participation in debate.
- Ability to write on a chosen topic.

Teaching methods

Lectures; analysis of case studies; group work; presentations by students; seminars with Italian and foreign guests; use of multimedia tools.
Lectures will also be held in English.

Assessment methods

Oral examination on the basis of a written paper written according to the instructions provided by the lecturer.
Different modes of writing are provided for frequent and non-frequent participants.
Foreign students may write and take the oral examination in English or in another language to be agreed upon.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

The main reference texts for the lectures will be the following.

- Arendt H. (2004) Truth and Politics, Turin, Bollati Boringhieri.
- Arendt H. (2009) The Origins of Totalitarianism, Turin, Einaudi.
- Cedroni L. and Calloni M. (2012) Contemporary Political Philosophy. Florence, Le Monnier.
- Derrida J. (2014) History of the lie, Rome, Castelvecchi.
- Mounk Y. (2018) People vs Democracy. From citizenship to electoral dictatorship, Milan, Feltrinelli.
- Müller J.-W. (2017), What is populism, Milan, Università Bocconi Editore.
- Rauch J. (2021), The Constitution of Knowledge. In defence of truth, Rome, Castelvecchi.
- Zuboff S. (2020), The capitalism of surveillance. The future of humanity in the age of new powers, Rome, LUISS U.P.
  In order to compile the thesis, the student must choose a specific topic, which must be discussed in advance with the lecturer (according to information to be published on the e-learning page), who will provide specialised texts for its development.
  Additional reference materials: During the course, the lecturer will provide additional materials in Italian and English.

Sustainable Development Goals

NO POVERTY | ZERO HUNGER | GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | QUALITY EDUCATION | GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS