UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

The European City

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Learning objectives

The course offers analytical, methodological and conceptual tools to comprehend and be able to analyse the transformations affecting the contemporary European city. Students will practice in reconstructing the theoretical debate on a specific theme in the context of European urban studies and will address the issue of comparison from a methodological point of view. Finally, a research project on these topics will be organised.

Contents

The debate about the European city; comparison within the European urban studies; main features of the European city and main current transformations

Detailed program

The course addresses the debate that, between the 1990s and the early 2000s, characterized the urban studies in Europe. On the one hand, the emergence of European cities as a new subject in the political arena was observed; on the other hand, the persistence of some characteristics that, traditionally, were associated with these contexts: social cohesion, high quality of life, economic competitiveness, models of housing segregation which tend to be not very pronounced and so on.
From this point of view, is the category of European city still valid today? And, if so, what characters does it present?
The course, starting from this perspective, aims to reconstruct the debate (contemporary and historical) on the European city and to outline its characteristics; moreover it aims to deepen some main themes, which better than others help to focus on the main transformations taking place. From the point of view of methodological tools, the course will offer an in-depth study on the comparative method in urban studies.

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

Traditional class lectures, seminars with experts, practitioners and policy maker; class discussion and students' presentations. If possibile, visit outside the university campus will be organised.

Assessment methods

a) Attending students: class presentations and research project
b) non-attending students: oral exam

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Texts will be listed on the e-learning page

Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES