UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Policies for Urban Security

2223-2-F8802N018

Learning objectives

The main objective of the course is reflecting on the relation between crime trends and the perception of insecurity of the population in urban contexts. Perceived insecurity is a social problem, which encompasses several dimensions such as personal experiences, demographic factors, socio-economics variables, the environmental setting. Consequently, social security can be addressed from different perspectives and by public policies that involve several actors at different levels.

Contents

The course focuses on the urban contexts and the four key dimensions of insecurity (objective, subjective, socio-geographic and socio-economic dimensions), on the meaning of penal populism and its backside effects in local policies on urban security and safety. In particular, it explores the mismatch between crime trends and the perception of insecurity, also examining the influence of social division and inequalities. Finally, the course will discuss models of policies at National and European level and some core topics of urban security policies.

Detailed program

The course is divided into a theoretical part which will discuss the concept of urban security, the main theoretical approaches on social control, the normative dimension of urban security and the evolution of policies for urban security, with particular attention to the models of urban security policies applied in Italian cities. A second part will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of some empirical researches carried out at national and European level on the issue of urban security governance on some core topics: gender & security and safety; the night and movida control; the urban government of pandemics; migrations; political dissent. In the third part of the course the focus will be on students's presentations of reading and case studies. The outcome of the work will be evaluated in

the final exam.

Prerequisites

No prerequisites

Teaching methods

Lectures, individual/group exercises, presentations of readings by the students, movies. For working students and for those who will be unable to attend classes in person, there will be dedicated discussion meetings and video lessons summarizing the central themes of the course.

Assessment methods

Attending students: participation in in-class discussions of the assigned readings and presentation of a final paper/project.
Non attending students: oral exam.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

**General part: **

Stefanizzi, S., Verdolini V. Le metamorfosi dell'ordine pubblico: il concetto di sicurezza urbana, Sociologia del diritto, vol. n°3, 2012 pp. 103-137.

Pitch, T. (a cura di) Devianza e questione criminale. Temi, problemi e prospettive. Carocci Editore, 2022 in particolare i cap. 3 “Diritto e politica nella costruzione sociale della criminalità”; 11 “Le politiche di sicurezza urbana in Italia”

Stefanizzi, S. (a cura di) Il teatro della sicurezza. Attori, pratiche e rappresentazioni. Ed. Et Al. Milano, 2012.

Gargiulo, E., Cuono, M. Emergenze, crisi, sicurezza. Decisioni extra-ordinarie tra governo centrale e amministrazione locale, Diritto e questioni pubbliche, 2017, vol. XVII, 2.

Tulumello, S. From "Spaces of fear" to " Fearscpes". Mapping for reframing theories about the spatialisation of fear in urban space, Space and Culture, 2015, 18.3: 257-272.

Ricotta, G. Neoliberalism and control strategies: the urban security policies in Italy, Partecipazione e Conflitto,2016, 9(2): 543-566.

**Tematic path: **

Verdolini, V. & Stefanizzi, S. A “space” of one's own: identity and conflict in two Milan districts. Quality & Quantity

56(3), 2022.

Stefanizzi, S., Verdolini V. Bordered communities: the perception of insecurity in five European cities, Quality & Quantity, Vol. 53 (3), 2018.

Pitch, T. Contro il decoro, l'uso politico della pubblica decenza, Laterza, 2013

Pitch, T. (a cura di) Devianza e questione criminale. Temi, problemi e prospettive. Carocci Editore, 2022 in particolare il cap. 13 “La criminalizzazione del dissenso”.

Petrilli E. and Stefanizzi S. (2022) Il controllo della movida: la parola al popolo della notte torinese, Autonomie Locali e Servizi Sociali, 45(1): 177-194.

Anastasia, S.; Ferraris, V.; Pandemia e diritto: prime riflessioni per una storia ancora da scrivere, in "Studi sulla questione criminale" 1/2022, pp. 35-53

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