UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sports, Spaces and Society

2223-2-F4901N118

Learning objectives

Provide the main coordinates of contemporary sports policies. Develop skill in the analysis of territorial transformations and land management policies. Foster the ability to understand specific issues of social organization as deeply connected to long-term social dynamics.

Contents

The course offers an analysis of sport, as a social practice and as a policy field, as a fundamentaland paradigmatic element in the construction of contemporary spatial management and territorial transformation policies. The characteristics of sport in historical perspective and with particular attention to contemporary sport will be explored. A reflection will be presented about the main ways in which sport enters the different levels of management of urban and territorial policies.

Detailed program

The course will address the issue of the relationship between sports and the territory, focusing in particular on the following topics:
Sport as a social analysis perspective.
Contemporary social and spatial transformations.
Contemporary sport.
Sport and globalization.
Sport and urban branding.
Major sporting events and urban policy.
Sport and social regeneration.

Sport, security and social control.
Sportivization.
Sports spaces: fan zones, stadiums and more.
Sport and tourism.

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

- Lectures
- Case study presentation workshops
- Case study exercises

Assessment methods

Presentations of academic articles to be selected from the e-learning platform. The articles, mostly ar in English, ill be indicated during the course.

Evaluation of a paper produced and presented during the course on topics proposed in the early weeks of the course.

For all other students, the exam will be oral.

The bibliography is composed of a selection of articles/chapters of books in English available on e-learning platform.

Expository clarity, accuracy of terminology, critical analysis skills will be evaluated.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

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2. Wilcox R.C., Andrews D.L., “Sport in the City. Cultural, Economic, and Political Portraits”, in Wilcox R.C., Andrews D.L., Pitter R., Irwin R.L. (2003). Sporting Dystopias : The Making and Meanings of Urban Sport Cultures. Albany: SUNY Press, pp. 1-16.
3. Schimmel, K. S. (2015). Assessing the sociology of sport: On sport and the city. International Review for the Sociology of Sport, 50(4–5), pp. 591–595.
4. Pye, P. N., Cuskelly, G., & Toohey, K. (2016). Social benefits and the planning of the East Manchester Sportcity. Managing Sport and Leisure, 21(6), pp. 375–398.
5. Smith, A. (2010). The Development of “Sports-City” Zones and Their Potential Value as Tourism Resources for Urban Areas. European Planning Studies, 18(3), pp. 385–410.
6. Ricatti, F., Dutto, M., & del Bono, A. (2022). Sport, social inclusion and the logic of assimilation in Prato

(Italy). International Review for the Sociology of Sport, 57(1), pp. 129–145.
7. Gammon, S., & Robinson, T. (2003). Sport and Tourism: A Conceptual Framework. Journal of Sport & Tourism, 8(1), pp. 21–26.
8. Gammon, S., & Fear, V. (2005). Stadia tours and the power of backstage. Journal of Sport & Tourism, 10(4), pp. 243–252.

Sustainable Development Goals

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