UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Ethnography and Discourse Analysis

2324-1-F8802N005

Learning objectives

Practical knowledge of ethnography and fieldwork, and introduction to discourse analysis method in the context of fieldwork research.
Capacity to apply ethnographic methods and discourse analysis to explore various research object and research field.
Capacity to integrate information and complex knowledge about social interaction in different institutional and everyday context. Formulate autonomously judgment about research choices.
Capacit to effectively communicate research outputs and the contents of empirical and theoretical essays.
Capacity to learn and to deepen autonomously sociological literature through individual and team work.

Contents

Fieldwork analysis of interactions and discursive practices in specific places and groups; theory and analysis of the discourse processes in urban, economic, educational, cultural and institutional fields.

Detailed program

The course integrate two partes. One dedicated to the ethnography, particularly related to research methods, the other to discourse analysis.
The course will start with frontal lectures dealing with experiences and methods of ethnographic research and discourse analysis.
Subsequently, a fieldwork research activity will be organized with the students and students will have the possibility to discuss their fieldwork material.
The aim is to provide theoretical and methodological elements to critically examine cultural practices and discourse

production in everyday life contexts.

Prerequisites

A basic knowledge of sociological theory of interactions and methodology of social research, and fairly good skills in learning, writing and speaking.

Teaching methods

Seminars, Lectures, exercises, group works, presentations of readings and research by students.

Assessment methods

Discussion of the research carried out during the course, or oral exam based on the course's reference list.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Teaching Material (compulsory)
Dal Lago A., De Biasi R, Introduzione, in "Un certo sguardo. Introduzione all'etnografia sociale", Laterza, Roma-Bari, 2002.
Geertz, C. Verso una Teoria Interpretativa della cultura, in "Interpretazione di Culture", Il Mulino, Bologna, 1988: Edizione originale: The Interpretation of Cultures, New York, Basic Books, Inc., 1973.
Geertz, C, Il «gioco profondo»: note sul combattimento di galli a Bali, in "Interpretazione di Culture", Il Mulino, Bologna, 1988: Edizione originale: The Interpretation of Cultures, New York, Basic Books,Inc., 1973.
Burawoy M (a cura di), Ethnography Unbound. Power and Resistance in the Modern Metropolis, University of California Press, Berkeley (cap. 1, 2, 10, 13)
Bourgois P. Cercando Rispetto. Drug Economy e Cultura di Strada, DeriveApprodi, 2005 (cap. 1, 2, 5)
Goffman A. On the run. Fugitive life in an American city, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2014 (cap.2, + Appendice metodologica)
Dunier, M. Sidewalk , Farrar Straus and Giroux, New York, 1999
Adams, Jones, Ellis, C., Autoethnography, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2015 (cap. 2., 3)
Anderson L. Analytic Autoethnography, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, 2006

Sustainable Development Goals

REDUCED INEQUALITIES