UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Modern History

2324-1-E1901R117

Course title

Origins of human rights and the idea of public happiness in early modern times

Topics and course structure

The course is in Italian. It is focused on social, political and cultural history in early modern times (late 15th century to early 19th century). The first part offers a detailed introduction to the course of events in this period (in Europe and the world). For the second part of the course, monographic subjects are always selected that are more generally relevant to modernity, that is, to present day concerns. The purpose is to promote the knowledge and understanding of this historical period. A further general purpose is to develop intellectual and cultural tools for a better understanding of past and present society.

Objectives

Students will familiarize with 1) the basic chronologies and historical facts of early modern times; 2) historiographical terms; 3) methods of critical analysis of historiography.
Core skills:
Developing historical awareness and knowledge, as a means of knowing and measuring social and political reality (Knowledge and Understanding);
Developing independent judgement, through critical analysis and the integration of sources and information(Making Judgements);
Developing the ability to identify and communicate problems and ideas (Communication Skills).

Methodologies

Lectures, collective discussion on sources or documents.
Reading groups on the monograph selected for the oral exam. The groups will give a presentation toward the end of the course and receive a written feedback.

Online and offline teaching materials

Presentations and documents will be uploaded during the course.

Programme and references

Students will be conversant with the subjects treated in the lectures and read two books. Required reading:

1. one textbook on early modern history:
   Carlo Capra, Storia moderna. 1492-1848, Milano, Mondadori Education, 2021 (chapters 27 to 30 not included). 2. one monograph (or two short monographs).
   Students not proficient in Italian: please contact the professor about the programme.

Assessment methods

A written exam followed by an oral exam a few days later or at a later date.
Students not proficient in Italian: please contact the professor about exams and details on assessment criteria (based on knowledge and understanding).

Office hours

Office hours are by appointment, either online or in the professor's office.

Programme validity

Two years.

Course tutors and assistants

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