UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Methodological Issues in Heritage Research - 16 hours

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Title

Methodological Issues in Heritage Research

Teacher(s)

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Language

Italian

Short description

The course offers a basic methodological understanding of the diverse paradigms, approaches, methodologies and methods/instruments that are used in research about heritage. The link between research questions, context and research design will be explored during the course. A critical and reflexive attitude will be required, as well as reading and analysing research papers.
The course includes the following lectures/seminars:

1. Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 2-6 pm (4 hours) - Prof. Eleonora Farina *Some methodologies belonging to the research tradition*. The meeting aims to present some methodologies belonging to the qualitative and quantitative research tradition to be applied in the field. In particular, the topics covered within the lecture aim at the practical application of survey tools useful for the evaluation and monitoring of individual experiences in heritage.
2. Friday, December 1, 2023, 2-6 pm (4 hours) - Prof. Anna Granata *Research challenges and resources from an interdisciplinary perspective*. Stepping outside one's disciplinary framework is a fundamental option for any scholar working in the humanities and social sciences. The meeting aims to reflect on challenge and resource aspects of interdisciplinary research, starting with the four key-elements described by Edgar Morin: the context, the global, the multidimensional, and the complex. Recent research reports will be analyzed and discussed.
3. Thursday, February 8, 2024, 2-6 pm (4 hours) - Prof. Federica Tarabusi *Methodologies of ethnographic research*. The meeting focuses on ethnographic research methodologies, from an anthropological perspective, and its relevance in the field of tangible and intangible heritage. Discussing some ethnographic cases, we will explore some of the challenges and opportunities of field research, such as critically approaching socio-cultural complexity, deeply and contextually understanding people's perspectives and experiences, and developing a reflexive sensibility to navigate professional and institutional worlds.
4. Friday, February 9, 2024, 2-6 p.m. (4 hours) - Prof. Martino Negri and Prof. Franco Passalacqua *History Hunters and Memory Trees*. The meeting will be developed around a hypothesis of an intergenerational project for the protection of the intangible cultural heritage of the Bicocca neighborhood: from the exploration of the initial idea and its reasons to the reflection on the most appropriate tools and methodologies to implement the project, involving the children of the neighborhood as researchers. In particular, the tools of data collection and analysis peculiar to participatory research in the humanities will be explored, with particular reference to how to actively involve children and the elderly.

CFU / Hours

2 CFU/16 Hours

Teaching period

November to June

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