



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### The Ocean Space: Culture Geography and Environmental Conflicts of the Water Worlds

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#### Title

The ocean space: culture geography and environmental conflicts of the water worlds

#### Teacher

Prof. Marcella Schmidt di Friedberg

#### Language

English, Italian

#### Short description

Although the ocean has always played a fundamental role in most human activities, geography has largely ignored marine spaces. In recent years we are facing a blue turn where the ocean becomes a hot topic in recent research, as it appears also from the goals of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-203). The ocean is now one of the great challenges of the future. The course offers an overview of the recent engagement of geography with ocean spaces.

The first part of the course aims to introduce, with an interdisciplinary approach, the complexity of the relationships

between humans, non-humans and the water world, including topics such as ocean representations, ocean literacy and ocean citizenship, gender perspectives, more-than-human concerns.

The second part of the course, starting with an analysis of the keywords of current environmental policy (sustainability, development, risk, resilience), will explore the territorial dimensions of ocean space and the environmental conflicts (politics, risk, resources, indigenous knowledge, fisheries, tourism) associated with the establishment of marine protected areas.

## **Target audience**

## **Maximum number of participants**

## **Assessment method**

## **CFU / Hours**

8

## **Teaching period and mode**

June

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GENDER EQUALITY | CLIMATE ACTION | LIFE BELOW WATER

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