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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Violence Against Women: Prevention and Punishment

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Learning objectives

The course, available for students since 2019, is the result of a cooperation between the University of Milano-Bicocca and Regione Lombardia in order to promote and realize experimental study programmes on the topic of violence against women.

The course aims at providing a deep knowledge of gender violence in order to let law professionals, especially future judges and lawyers, to knowingly and adequately deal with these matters during their work.

Gender violence will be studied in all its aspects, but closer attention will be payed to prevention and punishment by the criminal justice system.

Contents

After some lessons regarding the phenomenon of gender violence, its cultural roots and widespread dimension, the focus will be on different offenses which permit to punish any kind of assault against women in our legal system; it will be possible to evaluate the adequacy of these offenses in preventing and punishing gender violence's manifestations by facing the reality of their enforcement.

Detailed program

Gender stereotypes and root of the violence. Dimension and costs of the violence; psychological and physical consequences for the victims.

Supranational legislation on gender violence: in particular, the Istanbul Convention of 2011 and the Victims' Rights

Directive of 2012, and their implementation in the Italian system.

Offenses against domestic violence and IPV violence, sexual abuse, feminicide, exploitation of prostitution, WEB violence.

Prevention of the phenomenon beyond criminal law (in particular, sex offenders and beating men treatment programs).

Prerequisites

Having already passed the exam of Criminal law.

Teaching methods

The course, lasting 42 hours, will be mainly carried out with traditional lessons, enriched by the contribution of professional working with women victims of gender violence and/or with men acting violence (representatives of police, courts, psychologist, refuges, social workers etc.). For the remaining part (approximately the 20% of the course) lessons will be interactive, involving students in the discussion of the most controversial issues.

Assessment methods

Attending lessons is encouraged, because an active involvement in lessons and related activities may avoid the final oral exam, which is always available fo all students, attending or not attending lessons.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

All students will use the texts C. Pecorella (ed.) Donne e violenza. Materiale di studio, Giappichelli 2020 and Donne e violenza. Stereotipi culturali e prassi giudiziarie, Giappichelli, 2021.

Sustainable Development Goals

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