



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Structure and Process of Economy

2425-2-E4001N114

Learning objectives

The course has two main objectives:

giving elements for the theoretical understanding of the social dimension of economic life;

giving tools for knowledge and analysis of some empirical domains in which social and economic relations, and their transformations, are particularly relevant today

Contents

The sociological study of economic phenomena

Karl Polany and the great transformation

The financial capitalism

The foundational economy

The environmental crisis and the global capitalism

Detailed program

The first part of the course provides the basic elements for the sociological study of economic phenomena, presenting and discussing the most important approaches in classical theories.

Afterwards we will outline the main features of the welfare state and of the so called financial capitalism.

Then we will deepen a specific current approach (the foundational economy) and will discuss its potential of analysis by referring in particular to the Italian case.

The third part of the course is devoted to discussion on environmental crisis on global capitalism

Prerequisites

Good skills in learning, writing and oral communication.

Teaching methods

Classes will be held in-person and teaching will be mainly interactive (group work)

Assessment methods

Written test and optional oral examination.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Selection of papers

Luciano Gallino, 2013, Finanzcapitalismo, Einaudi, Torino (selected parts)

Karl Polany, 2001, La grande trasformazione Einaudi, Torino, (selected parts)

Angelo Salento, Joselle Dagnes, a cura di, Prima i fondamentali, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Milano.

Amitav Ghosh, 2022, La maledizione della noce moscata (selected parts), Neri Pozza

Sustainable Development Goals

REDUCED INEQUALITIES | CLIMATE ACTION
