



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Cultures, Differences, Conflicts

2425-3-E4001N136

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#### Learning objectives

This course deals with the issue of cultural differences, otherness and cultural conflicts, with the aim of highlighting the symbolic and normative components of this field. The course aims to offer the conceptual tools needed to comprehend and master some of the crucial aspects of contemporary social and cultural dynamics.

#### Contents

This module is structured in two parts: the first, general part is devoted to cultural differences and cultural conflicts; the second part is focused on 'ethnocultural differences' and gender differences. The analysis of these specific cultural differences is intertwined with the analysis of the relationship between differences and inequalities.

#### Detailed program

The module is structured in two parts. In the first part, from a general point of view, attention is devoted to cultural pluralism, cultural differences and cultural conflicts. In the second part, attention is focused on two different kinds of cultural differences: ethnocultural differences and gender differences. The process of social construction of such differences will be highlighted; stereotypes and prejudices based on ethnicity and gender will be analysed and also their effects in terms of social inequalities; communicative processes and political aspects of such differences will be also taken into account.

#### Prerequisites

In order to master the contents and concepts proposed students need to have a basic knowledge of sociological theories and the main sociological issues (having passed the examinations for the 1st year-courses of Sociology).

## **Teaching methods**

The course consists of 60% of face-to-face lectures, slides and in-depth seminars and of 40% interactive teaching (group work based on lectures assigned during the course).

## **Assessment methods**

Written exam

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

ATTENDING AND NON ATTENDING STUDENTS

Ilenya Camozzi, Sociologia delle relazioni interculturali, Bologna, il Mulino, 2019.

Rossella Ghigi e Roberta Sassatelli, Corpo, genere e società, Bologna, il Mulino, 2018.

Carmen Leccardi, Genere e società (CAP 14), in Roberto Cipriani (a cura di), Nuovo manuale di sociologia, Santarcangelo di Romagna, Maggioli, 2016

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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