UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Local Welfare Systems

2425-2-F8701N055

Learning objectives

The course aims to present the lines of development and tension of local welfare systems, in the Italian and European context, with particular attention to the cultural, normative and cognitive components underlying the discourses, tools and practices implemented by the different actors of the systems: national, regional and local governments and public administrations, Third Sector organizations, enterprises,philanthropic organizations, trade unions, social movements, organised citizenship, families. Stakes, controversies, challenges and scenarios for the evolution of Italian and local welfare will be identified and discussed.

Contents

- The social, economic, cultural and political contexts of the welfare development

- The institutional dimension of social policies

- The territorial turn

- Subsidiarity and public sphere

- From the bureaucratic State to the New Public Management

- Instruments and practices of welfare governance

- The Lombard Welfare

- Welfare and the crisis

- Governance and third sector

- Third sector and civil society: theories and approaches

- Places and culture in third sector organizations

- The new role of philanthropy

- Bank foundations and the local welfare

- Social innovation

Detailed program

The first part of the course will present the configurations of the Italian model of local welfare, including comparisons with other countries: its political and normative elements, its policy instruments and the governance models developed in the last thirty years, with a special attention to the Lombard context.

The second part of the course will focus on institutional and social actors in local welfare systems, their approaches to public action and the relationships they have developed over the years.

Attending students will have the opportunity to practice learning by participating to working groups, analyzing documents and audiovisual products, lectures with guests from the fieldwork.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Lessons will be held 50% with traditional lectures and 50% with interactive methods, i.e. in laboratory form, with group work, analysis of written and audiovisual documents, testimonies and visits with public, third sector and trade union operators.

Lessons will be held in Italian.

Assessment methods

The examination has two modes, both compulsory: a paper on a case study (50%) and an oral examination (50%). The dissertation will be on an original paper of 5-10 pages (15,000 to 40,000 characters) on a topic or a real case of local welfare, analysed according to the categories presented in the examination texts. Students will receive further instructions on the course website and will agree the topic of the paper with the lecturer. The oral examination will be partly a knowledge test on the examination texts, partly a discussion of the paper.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Readings: *

De Leonardis O. (2001), Le istituzioni. Come e perché parlarne, Carocci, cap1. e cap4.

Bifulco L. (2015) Il welfare locale. Processi e prospettive (cap 1. Questioni e strumenti)pp.15-40. Carocci.

Ambrosini, M., & Campomori, F. (2020) La controversia dell'asilo: politiche di accoglienza e solidarietà contro i confini. Social Policies, 7(2), 181-200.

Andreotti, A., Mingione,E. Polizzi E. (2022) "The transformation of local welfare systems in European cities." Handbook on Urban Social Policies. , pp. 101-115, Edward Elgar Publishing

Polizzi E., Tajani, C., Vitale T. (2013) Programmare i territori del welfare. Attori, meccanismi ed effetti (cap.1,7) Carocci. 107pp.

Fazzi, L. (2023) "Siamo sicuri ne valga veramente la pena?" Amministrazione condivisa e terzo settore in Italia. Impresa Sociale, 3, 7-13.

Saruis T., Kazepov, Y. Boczy, T. Consolidare l'innovazione sociale in contesti diversi di welfare: tra dinamiche trasformative e adattamento, in "Autonomie locali e servizi sociali" 3/2021, pp. 579-592

Polizzi, E. (2021) L'innovazione sociale mimetica. La diffusione dei modelli filantropici di welfare Autonomie locali e servizi sociali, 44(3), 477-492

Ingrosso M. (2023) La prospettiva di welfare community nella progettazione e sperimentazione delle Case della Comunita, Autonomie locali e servizi sociali, (1) 19-40

De Leonardis O., De Vidovich L. (2017) Innovazioni per l'apprendimento istituzionale. Il Programma Microaree della Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia, *Working papers. Rivista online di Urban@it* - 1/2017.

Gori, C. (2020) Più servizi e meno regolazione. Il welfare lombardo nella longue durée. Social Policies, 7(3), 375-396.

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