



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Organisational Networks and Local Socioeconomic Systems

2425-2-F8802N070

Learning objectives

The course aims to provide students with the necessary skills to analyse organisational networks and local socio-economic systems.

The course objectives are:

- learn to recognise and analyse local production systems and organisational networks
- identify the fields of application of the concepts with the support of literature and empirical research
- design and conduct empirical research on the topics of local development and local production systems

Contents

Local development: from industrial districts to contemporary local production systems.

Effects of the digitisation and remoteisation of work on territorial systems.

Role and functioning of organisational networks within local production systems.

Detailed program

The course will consist of two parts.

In the first part, the main concepts and analytical tools for the study of organisational networks and local socio-economic systems will be discussed.

Topics covered will include:

- Definition and analysis of organisational networks (analytical tools and case studies)

- Local governance and multi-level governance
- Definition and analysis of local production systems
- Relationship between digitalisation and remoteisation of work and territorial transformations

The second part will focus on some recent transformations of local economic systems, with particular attention to the impact of remote work on local economic systems. Students will be invited to design and develop a short research path together.

At the end of the course there will be a semi-public presentation of the results of the research activities carried out.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of sociology

Teaching methods

The course consists of 56 hours, of which approximately 30% will be delivered through didactic delivery (lectures with the use of slides, audio and video) and 70% through interactive teaching (exercises, discussion of scientific articles, group work, empirical research work and organisation of the presentation of results).

Assessment methods

The final examination consists of a presentation of the research results and the presentation and discussion of selected materials during the course.

The following dimensions will be assessed:

- Individual contribution and collaboration within the group
- Knowledge and understanding of the topics
- Ability to critically rework information
- Internal coherence and formal correctness of presentation
- Ability to argue results

Textbooks and Reading Materials

A reading list will be made available during the course.

Erasmus students are asked to contact me by email to discuss textbooks and reading materials

Sustainable Development Goals

