



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Cultural aspects of the climate crisis: meanings, denials and desires of environmental relatedness

2425-102R-25

Title

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Teacher

Mauro Van Aken

Language

English, in case of lack of non-italian speaking students, we'll decide together

Short description

Climate changes are a definitely a geophysical dynamic, but represent a very cultural and social issue in their impacts, causes and emotional dimensions. Departing from anthropological perspective, combined with tools of different disciplines of the human sciences that are reshuffling the nature/culture divide of modern carbon economy, we will analyze together the multiple cultural and symbolical aspect of environmental relatedness in different societies. This will allow to tackle issues, at the center of research in the Anthropocene, as cultural models of the environmental relatedness, fossil cultures, its symbolical apparatus and complicities, cultural processes of

denial and the social relations with/in the atmosphere.

Target audience

The course is transversal to all schools of PhD in presence: we'll make of the multiplicity of your disciplinary trajectories the focus, in relation to ideas and notions of environment

The first 4 hours will be a laboratory setting where we will depart from your perceptions of climate changes (thus no digital), while the second part a following focus on some main aspects of the "unthinkable" of the climate crisis. Seen the methodology used, the course, even more in its laboratorial aspects, requests an active presence in class of participants. It will be streamed online just for the II encounter in case, and for those who are not able to participate physically in class as workers and eventually external PhD's.

Maximum number of participans

Min 10 Max 40

Assessment method

presence and laboratory participations

CFU / Hours

1 CFU-8 hours

Teaching period and mode

I lab: Tuesday 28 January 2025 9 am - 1 pm U6.34

II lab: Monday 3rd February 2025 2 pm - 6pm U6.34

course registration on "Segreteria online": from 6/01/25 to 21/01/25

Sustainable Development Goals

CLIMATE ACTION
