UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Reti Organizzative e Sistemi Socioeconomici Locali

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Learning objectives

- Knowledge and understanding
  Know what local production systems and organisational networks are; understand their main characteristics and most important models

- Ability to apply knowledge and understanding
  Apply theoretical knowledge to different empirical cases; identify elements useful for analysis and understanding in the observed context

- Independent judgement
  The course aims to provide students with different analytical models and theoretical perspectives, encouraging a critical and informed approach

- Communication skills
  Learn to present results both orally and in writing. Work in groups to present original research to a selected audience

- Learning skills
  Encourage curiosity and openness towards the plurality of theoretical approaches and empirical cases analysed

Contents

Ecoomic development and space: from industrial districts to contemporary local production systems.
Effects of the digitisation and remoteisation of work on regional systems.
Role and functioning of organisational networks within local production systems.

Detailed program

The course will consist of two parts, which will run partly in parallel.

The first part will discuss the main concepts and analytical tools for studying organisational networks and local socio-economic systems.
Topics such as the following will be covered:

- Definition and analysis of local production systems; local governance and multi-level governance;
- Definition and analysis of organisational networks and their role in global value chains;
- Relationship between digitalisation and remote working and territorial transformations;

In the second part, the focus will be on the most recent transformations of local economic systems, with an in-depth look at the effects of digitalisation. Students will be invited to design and develop a short research project 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).
The language of the course is Italian.
Some lessons (no more than 30% of the course) may be held remotely, depending on the needs of the students and in line with the teaching objectives.

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

DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES