



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### The Ocean Space: Culture Geography and Environmental Conflicts of the Water Worlds

2526-128R-MTM.04

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#### Title

The ocean space: culture geography and environmental conflicts of the water worlds

#### Teacher(s)

Marcella Schmidt di Friedberg

#### Language

Italian/English

#### Short description

Although the ocean has always played a fundamental role in most human activities, geography has largely ignored marine spaces. In recent years we are facing a blue turn where the ocean becomes a hot topic in recent research, as it appears also from the goals of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). The course offers an overview of the recent engagement of geography with ocean spaces. The aim is to introduce, with an interdisciplinary approach, the complexity of the relationships between humans, non-humans and the water world, including topics such as ocean representations, ocean literacy and ocean citizenship, biodiversity, gender

perspectives, more-than-human concerns.

## **CFU / Hours**

1 CFU - 8 hours. No final exam

## **Teaching period**

March 2026

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

NO POVERTY | GENDER EQUALITY | CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | CLIMATE ACTION | LIFE BELOW WATER | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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