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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

New forms of inclusion in the information society

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Course title

New forms of inclusin in the information society

Topics and course structure

The course, organized at the Department of Human Sciences for Education of the University of Milan-Bicocca, includes lessons on the models of inclusion and participation that have developed in the digital communication. The debate on direct democracy, on the experiences of e-democracy or on participatory practices at the local level will be discussed within the broader dimension of contemporary reflection on the information society and on the tools of inclusion and participation available.

The course is divided into:
Three theoretical/introductory lessons and one meeting dedicated to case studies
Each meeting will explore a theme and concrete experiences of e-democracy and will be structured as follows: a part of frontal lesson and a part of interactive activity.
For those attending, mandatory readings will be provided for each seminar (articles or book chapters).

Objectives

The aim of the module is to provide direct knowledge supported by examples of some of the main experiences of digital democracy present in contemporary communication and the scenarios that have developed starting from the leterature on the information society.

Methodologies

Fontal lessons and case studies

Online and offline teaching materials

The teaching materials will be provided directly to the participants

Programme and references

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9:30 am - 11:30 am Seminar Room U/6 4288 - Introduction to the Information Society

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Seminar Room U/6 4288 - Direct Democracy and Crowdsourcing

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Seminar Room U/06 4288 - Analysis of Case Studies and Platforms

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 9:30 am - 11:30 am Seminar Room U/06 4288 - Discussion of Papers

Assessment methods

This is an activity Badge and is awarded to those who, regularly enrolled in the course, have passed an assessment test consisting of the creation of a presentation supported by PPT slides.
No entry skills are required.

Office hours

Office hours is by appointments, following requests through email.

Programme validity

The program is valid for the duration of the Badge.

Course tutors and assistants

No tutors.

Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION