



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Laboratorio 1 - La desistenza dal crimine

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Learning objectives

The workshop aims to provide students with theoretical and critical tools to understand processes of marginalisation, criminalisation and desistance from crime through sociological, legal and narrative perspectives.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- critically analyse the concept of margins in their social, legal, economic and political dimensions;
- understand the relationship between social exclusion, criminalisation and systems of social control;
- reflect on the relationship between law, justice and inequality;
- use writing as a tool for critical reflection and personal re-elaboration;
- understand desistance as an individual and collective process of transformation.

Contents

The workshop explores the notion of the margin as an interpretative framework for understanding exclusion, criminalisation and social reintegration. Through seminars, collective discussions and writing exercises, participants will investigate the boundaries between inside and outside, legality and illegality, individual responsibility and structural conditions, with particular attention to processes of desistance from crime.

Detailed program

Introductory session – Prison: A User's Guide

Introduction to the workshop and to prison as a social institution. Presentation of key concepts including

marginality, social control and desistance.

Module 1 – Geographies of Responsibility

Responsibility as a relational and social process. Autobiographical writing as a means of recognising one's trajectory and imagining possibilities for change.

Module 2 – Margins and Boundaries

Margins as thresholds between inclusion and exclusion. Discussion of symbolic borders, mechanisms of exclusion and identity construction. Collective reading of participants' texts.

Module 3 – Class Margins

Poverty, vulnerability and criminalisation. Exploring how social and economic inequalities shape criminal trajectories and opportunities for reintegration.

Module 4 – Between Legality and Justice

Examining the relationship between law, justice and power. Critical discussion of the gap between legality and legitimacy through case studies and personal narratives.

Module 5 – Rewriting the Margin

Revision and collective discussion of participants' writings. The margin as a site of transformation. Final reflections on contemporary boundaries between conflict and coexistence, exclusion and possibility.

Prerequisites

no one.

Teaching methods

The workshop combines short lectures, seminar discussions, collaborative learning, case analysis and creative writing. Active participation and collective reflection constitute essential components of the learning process.

Assessment methods

Assessment will be based on:

active participation throughout the workshop;
written reflections produced during the course;
a final reflective assignment or presentation.

No traditional written examination is required.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Books and materials will be shared during the workshop.

Sustainable Development Goals

NO POVERTY | GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
