# Sociology of Inter-Ethnic Cohabitation

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide the basic historical, theoretical and conceptual coordinates for the sociological study of migrations and inter-ethnic cohabitation, with particular reference to the Italian and European context.

Specifically, the course in Sociology of Inter-Ethnic Cohabitation has the following learning objectives:

1. Students will acquire the fundamental theoretical, conceptual and categorical fundamentals of the sociological study of migrations, with specific reference to the modern context.
2. Students will acquire a wide and structured perspective of topics, issues, and problems related to inter-ethnic cohabitation, with specific reference to the European and Italian context.
3. Students will recognise the main differences between the various sociological approaches to the phenomenon of migration and inter-ethnic cohabitation in terms of theory and methodology.
4. Students will be able to read the phenomena of migration and inter-ethnic cohabitation as complex and multidimensional processes.

Expected learning outcomes

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

At the end of the course, students will have acquired the knowledge/understanding of:

1. The fundamental conceptual categories for the analysis of migratory processes, by tracing them back to the theoretical reference framework and paradigms;
2. The main features of immigration in Europe and Italy;
3. The role of migration in the process of social transformation at local, national and supranational level;
4. The role played at institutional, political and juridical level in shaping inter-ethnic cohabitation, as well as its criticalities.

ABILITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Read and understand the complexity and multidimension of the migratory and inter-ethnic cohabitation phenomena;
2. Understand the processes of social construction of immigrants and their identity;
3. Recognise the elements of ethnic and ethnic-centred prejudice in the public, media and common debate, discrimination and racism;
4. Analyse the topics at the heart of the public debate on arrival and presence of immigrants;
5. Identify the main sources of data and information on migratory phenomena.
6. Work in intercultural contexts, in particular with unaccompanied foreign minors (MSNA), refugees, asylum seekers.

***COURSE CONTENT***

After having presented the main conceptual categories for the study of migrations and inter-ethnic cohabitation, the course will focus the attention on the following topics with a specific attention towards integrating theoretical approaches with the most recent empirical evidences.

* A sociological analysis of contemporary migrations: the causes and the types of migration; the different ‘categories’ of migrants
* Migration policies and national models for the management of inter-ethnic cohabitation
* Integration or assimilation: an open debate
* The integration of migrants in Italy (school and labour market)
* Ethnocentrism, stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination, and racism
* Thematic insights: female migrations, transnational families, unaccompanied foreign minors (MSNA), "second generations"

***READING LIST***

There are two ways of preparing the program, option A and option B, that students can freely choose. The option A is suitable for students attending class and carrying out group work during lectures; the option B is suitable for students unable to attend lectures.

*Students who choose Option A must study the following material:*

L. Zanfrini, *Introduzione alla sociologia delle migrazioni,* Laterza, Rome-Bari, 2016. [*Purchase from VP*](https://librerie.unicatt.it/scheda-libro/laura-zanfrini/introduzione-alla-sociologia-delle-migrazioni-9788859300342-243403.html)

Lecture notes and further materials uploaded on the Blackboard platform.

*Students who choose Option B must study the following material:*

* L. Zanfrini, *Introduzione alla sociologia delle migrazioni,* Laterza, Roma-Bari, 2016. [*Buy from VP*](https://librerie.unicatt.it/scheda-libro/laura-zanfrini/introduzione-alla-sociologia-delle-migrazioni-9788859300342-243403.html)
* M. SANTAGATI***,*** *Autobiografie di una generazione Su.Per. Il successo degli studenti di origine immigrata*, Vita e Pensiero, Milano, 2019 (Chapt. 1, 3, 4 e Conclusions) [*Buy from VP*](https://librerie.unicatt.it/scheda-libro/laura-zanfrini/introduzione-alla-sociologia-delle-migrazioni-9788859300342-243403.html)

***TEACHING METHOD***

The teaching will alternate different modalities: frontal lectures, active class participation, in-depth group work to be returned during the course, in oral and written form. There will also be audio-video projections followed by discussion.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

For students who choose option A

The final assessment will be based on the presentation during the course of an in-depth work carried out in a group, and a final oral exam.

The presentation of the in-depth work carried out in a group will carry from 0 to a maximum of 5 marks. The assessment of the presentation of the in-depth work will be based on communicative effectiveness, presentation skill, and the relevance, pertinence and depth of the contents presented.

The final oral exam, to be held during the official exam sessions, will take place as follows: three questions on Zanfrini's text and two questions on the presentations of the in-depth work carried out in class. Students will be assessed on their academic rigour and understanding of the contents (60%), as well as their command of the language and ability to argue (40%).

For students who choose option B

The assessment will take the form of an oral exam in the following ways: three questions on Zanfrini's text and two questions on Santagati’s text. Students will be assessed on their academic rigour and understanding of the contents (60%), as well as their command of the language and ability to argue (40%).

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

To attend the course and take the final exam, it is not necessary to have taken any preliminary exam or possess any specific requirements.

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