# Society, social differences and social inequalities

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[Teaching syllabus borrowed from the Degree in *Political science and international relations*, including the course name *Sociology of social difference*]

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

The course aims to analyse the dynamics that, turn differences into inequalities, as well as the answers offered by civil society and social policies (such as social movements, associationism, cooperation) in the attempt to fix the rifts caused by inequalities.

In this respect, the course will examine case studies (thanks to the meeting with privileged witnesses and the reading of sociological literature) in order to analyse the methodological aspects, themes and transformations generated by inequalities, stratification and social complexity.

In particular, the course will focus on suburbs (both existential and urban) considered as fragile locations, but also as areas where new and innovative policies are developed thanks to the confrontation between diversities and the emergence of inequalities.

***COURSE CONTENT***

First part:

– The method: from active listening to data analysis. How to deal with the different subjects of this course from a methodological point of view.

– Social differences.

– Social inequalities.

– Words: how differences become inequalities and stereotypes become prejudices.

– Stratification and social mobility.

Second part: *An analysis of the social differences found in everyday life*

– Gender and sexual orientation.

– Sexual orientation

– The culture of belonging

– The body and the health

Third part: *Some areas in which social complexity can be observed*

– Work and organisations.

– Detention and Total institution

– Migration phenomenon

Fourth part: *The answers to inequalities*

– Social movements and civil society.

– Social and integration policies.

***READING LIST***

General course

F. Barca-P. Luongo, Un futuro più giusto. Rabbia, conflitto e giustizia sociale, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2020.

O. Giancola-L. Salmieri, Sociologia delle disuguaglianze. Terorie, metodi, ambiti, Carocci, Napoli, 2020.

Monographic course: one of the following texts

J. Calame-E. Charleswhort, Città divise. Belfast, Beirut, Gerusalemme, Mostar e Nicosia, Medusa, Milan, 2012.

R. Ghigi-R. Sassatelli, Corpo, Genere e società, Il Mulino, 2020.

R. Lodigiani, Lavoratori e cittadini, Vita&Pensiero, Milan, 2018.

M.C. Nussbaum, Giustizia sociale e dignità umana. Da individui a persone, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2013.

M. Ravazzini-B. Saraceno (a cura di), Souq 2015. Disuguaglianza e diritti, Il Saggiatore, Milan, 2015.

R. Sennet, La dignità umana in un mondo di diseguali, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2009.

A. Touraine, In difesa della modernità, Cortina Raffaello, Milan, 2019.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures, meetings with privileged witnesses, an ethnographic walk (during the second semester if it will be possible), and a reading path for the topics analysed during the course.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral assessment.

For students attending classes, the final mark will be a combination of their active participation in classes and the oral exam.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

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