

Syllabus

Course Description

Course Title	Eco-social Economics
Course Code	96110
Course Title Additional	
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	ECON-04/A
Language	English
Degree Course	Master in Eco-Social Design
Other Degree Courses (Loaned)	
Lecturers	Dott. Andrea Maria Piero Camillo Fumagalli, Andrea.Fumagalli@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/design-art/academic-staff/person/42488
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	Second semester
Course Year/s	1st and 2nd year
CP	6
Teaching Hours	30
Lab Hours	0
Individual Study Hours	0
Planned Office Hours	18
Contents Summary	<p>Based on their interests and focus, students select courses in areas Make & Intervene and Observe, Analyse & Apply , to which the course in Eco-social Economics belongs.</p> <p>In Ecosocial Economics students learn about concepts, instruments, strategies and practices of economies, which strive for just and equitable relations among humans and between humans and other living beings. The course discusses diverse approaches to economies, which are embedded in societies and nature. It aims to strengthen strategies of eco-social change and supports students in sharpening their reflective practice as eco-social</p>

	designers.
Course Topics	Economic theory, both standard economics and eco-social economics, based on an overview about the history of economic thought; discourse about sustainable development; the necessary new configuration of the economic realm and the concept of labour; action principles and social contracts for the construction of a sustainable socio economic system; the critical analysis of some potential alternative models of economic system, like "sharing Economy", different kinds of "circular economy" and welfare system, like Commonfare (Welfare of the Commonwealth).
Keywords	Platform Capitalism, Biocognitive Capitalism, Commonfare, Workfare, Unconditional Basic Income, P2P Production, Sharing Economy, Circular Economy, Environment sustainability, Social Sustainability, Network value, Valorization processes
Recommended Prerequisites	Basic knowledge of contemporary history
Propaedeutic Courses	none
Teaching Format	Frontal lectures, group discussions
Mandatory Attendance	recommended
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes	<p>Knowledge and understanding</p> <p>Students will have developed their own individual project practice and will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understanding the social, cultural, economic and environmental dimensions of projects and contexts - understand the relationships between environment, economy, society and politics <p>Applying knowledge and understanding:</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop projects and practices suitable for addressing complex challenges. <p>Making judgements</p> <p>Students will be able to judging independently and critically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the contribution of a project to local and regional economic cycles and to increasing solidarity relations <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p>

	<p>- show how the social, ecological and economic aspects of sustainability interact in their projects</p> <p>Learning skills Students will be able to:</p> <p>- work independently to learn according to different situations and in a personal way through reading and studying</p>
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes (additional info.)	Developing a critical ability to analyse the increasingly urgent problems that characterise the current socio-economic system.
Assessment	<p>Presentation and oral discussion of a brief written report on the arguments discussed during the lectures. The report deals with theoretical issues and/or specific case-studies, previously agreed with the teacher. Non-attending students have the same assessment criteria as Attending students.</p> <p>All assignments and projects need to be done, and the required knowledge has to be acquired. The exam of non-attending students may take longer (max. 20 minutes) in order to test specific knowledge in relation to the course topic.</p>
Evaluation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevance, appropriateness and originality of the written report with regard to an eco-social economic transformation - Quality of the discussion related to eco-social economics (clarity of answers, ability of using scientific language as well as of its transformation into language of the daily life, ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics) - Ability to critical reflect different economic concepts and their proposals for a transformation towards sustainability
Required Readings	The teaching material is available on the course website: slides, articles and short reports.
Supplementary Readings	<p>K. Raworth, Doughnut. Seven ways to think like a 21st century economist, Chelsea Green Publishing, Vermont, Usa, 2018;</p> <p>M. Bauwens, The political economy of peer production, CTheory, 2005;</p> <p>Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Towards the Circular Economy: an economic and business rationale for an accelerated transition, 2012;</p>

	<p>A. Fumagalli, “Twenty Thesis on Contemporary Capitalism (Bio-cognitive Capitalism)”, in Andrea Fumagalli, Alfonso Giuliani, Stefano Lucarelli, Carlo Vercellone Cognitive Capitalism, Welfare and Labour. The Commonfare Hypothesis, Routledge, London, 2019, pp. 61-76.</p> <p>For Italian readers: A. Fumagalli, Economia politica del comune, Derive Approdi, Roma, 2017.</p>
Further Information	Students are encouraged to share any concrete experiences of social experiments in which they may be involved.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	No poverty, Good health and well-being, Gender equality, Climate action, Reduced inequalities, Responsible consumption and production, Decent work and economic growth