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| **Course title:** Researching Social Transformation |
| **Name of lecturer:** Christina Konstantinidou |

**Objectives of the course (expressed in terms of learning outcomes and competences):**

This seminar will focus on the study of the main transformations that societies have undergone during the recent past. It will begin with a brief introduction of the main interpretations provided by classical sociologists to the rise of modern industrial society. Subsequently it will focus on the social transformations experienced by contemporary societies, both at a global and local level , and in respect to their different dimensions: political, economic, social and cultural. The above will be studied in the context of the different sociological approaches that have tried to make sense of social change and the different terms that have emerged to describe modern society. In particular it will study the work of contemporary sociologists, including Baumann, Giddens, Castells, Sennet, Wallerstein and others. Lastly we will look at how wider social transformations have impacted on various aspects of everyday social life, such as work, family etc.

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Giddens, A. (1990) [2004] The Consequences of Modernity, Cambridge, Oxford, Polity.

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