COURSE OUTLINE

# GENERAL

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| **LECTURER** | Dr. Hara Kouki | | | | |
| **SEMESTER** (fall/spring) | Fall | | | | |
| **SCHOOL** | School of Social Sciences | | | | |
| **ACADEMIC UNIT** | Sociology | | | | |
| **LEVEL OF STUDIES** | Undergraduate | | | | |
| **COURSE CODE** | KAPK206 | **SEMESTER** | |  | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | Social Inequalities and Social Exclusion | | | | |
| **INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES**  *if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g.*  *lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits* | | | **WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS** | | **CREDITS** |
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| *Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching*  *methods used are described in detail at (d).* | | |  | |  |
| **COURSE TYPE**  *general background,*  *special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development* | Optional Compulsory Courses | | | | |
| **PREREQUISITE COURSES:** |  | | | | |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:** | Greek | | | | |
| **IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO**  **ERASMUS STUDENTS** | Yes, upon request and on the basis of preparing an essay and presenting it in the course (in English) | | | | |
| **COURSE WEBSITE (URL)** | <https://elearn.uoc.gr/course/view.php?id=2520> | | | | |

1. **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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| **Learning outcomes** |  |
| *The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.*  *Consult Appendix A*   * *Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area* * *Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B* * *Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes* | |
| Students are expected to:  *Learning outcomes*  ● Familiarize themselves with the term social exclusion and recognize its basic characteristics, but also how official/institutional discourses perceive its causes  ● Be able to explain when the term social exclusion replaced the term poverty and why, and how we measure inequalities each time  ● Understand the concept of social class, exploitation and subordination  ● Perceive the concept of social gender and its decisive importance in relation to inequalities  ● Perceive the concept of race and its decisive importance in relation to inequalities, as well as the concept of racism and its historical transformations  ● Become familiar with the concept of space in the social sciences and the inequalities that arise in relation to it  ● Realize that the processes of exclusion run through the social body and concern inequalities experienced by various social groups (such as immigrant populations, women, people with disabilities, groups with cultural peculiarities, the LGBTI community etc.), and to be able with the above tools to acknowledge and deal with wider social processes  *Skills*  • Perceive social inequalities and social exclusion as dynamic, relational processes and established in space and time and not as "social accidents"  • Develop critical reflection in relation to the discourse on exclusion, especially when it comes from institutional bodies  • Develop a theoretical and empirical understanding of the social inequalities around them in Greece, but also in different places and other times  • Be able to perceive in which cases social policy fights exclusion and when it constructs it  • Be able to distinguish forms and reasons of racism in their daily life  • Distinguish the continuum of the process of inclusion and exclusion in society | |
| **General Competences** |  |
| *Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim? Project planning and management* | |
| *Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and* |  |
| *information, with the use of the necessary technolog Adapting to new situations*  *Decision-making Working independently Team work*  *Working in an international environment Working in an interdisciplinary environment Production of new research ideas* | *y Respect for difference and multiculturalism Respect for the natural environment*  *Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues*  *Criticism and self-criticism*  *Production of free, creative and inductive thinking*  *…… Others…*  *…….* |
| ● Autonomous work - Group work  ● Exercise planning and management  ● Work in an interdisciplinary environment  ● Respect for diversity and multiculturalism  ● Promotion of free, creative and inductive thinking  ● Exercise criticism and self-criticism and develop critical thinking, especially in relation to what seems self-evident  ● Pursuit of social responsibility and empathy in matters of gender and race | |

# SYLLABUS

"Social exclusion" is now the dominant "paradigm" for representing, understanding and dealing with social inequalities. To combat it, organizations are established, financial tools and research programs are announced, studies and articles are published, while the discourse against social exclusion runs through the political and public sphere. At the same time, global inequalities not only do not seem to be diminishing, on the contrary they seem to be increasing all over the planet, threatening 99% of the population.

What does social exclusion mean, what are its main characteristics and how do we 'measure' exclusion? Why used to talk about 'poverty' while now everyone talks about exclusion? Does this term help us to recognize the social inequalities around us, but also in different places and other times? To what extent does social policy combat exclusion and in what cases does it construct it? Can the study of exclusion contribute to combating it?

This course examines a number of issues related to 'social exclusion': at a time when conflicting theories try to define it and different models try to measure it, this concept is shaped on a daily basis by the experiences of inequalities that we all experience. The aim of this course, therefore, is to examine social exclusion at two levels, on the one hand at the conceptual-theoretical level, and on the other at the level of collective experience and community struggles across history against inequalities. The course over the 13 weeks unfolds in relation to these two units.

Indicative module structure:

Introductory Meeting

• Getting to know each other

• Introduction to the logic, topics and methodology of the course

Unit 1: From poverty to social exclusion

• Introduction to social exclusion and its characteristics

• Class theories and poverty. Measuring poverty

• Amartya Sen's Capabilities Theory

• The concept of exploitation

• Social policy, social solidarity and citizenship

Section B: Struggles against inequality

• Gender and exclusion

• Race and exclusion

• Immigration, nationalism and racism

• USA and the concept of underclass/ Latin America and spatial exclusion/ South Europe: Precarity and exclusion

Final meeting

• Summary, evaluation of the semester course

1. **TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION**

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| **DELIVERY**  *Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.* | Face-to-face | | | |
| **USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**  *Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education,*  *communication with students* | * Projecting slides for the lectures * Use of technological tools (videos, polls, jamboard, etc.) for participatory exercises during the lectures * Support of the learning process through the electronic platform moodle (elearn) | | | |
| **TEACHING METHODS**  *The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail.*  *Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art workshop, interactive teaching, educational visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.*  *The student's study hours for each learning activity are given as well as the hours of non- directed study according to the principles of the ECTS* |  | ***Activity*** | ***Semester workload*** |  |
| Lectures | 36 |  |
| Study and analysis of bibliography | 26 |  |
| Independent optional study | 23 |  |
| Critical Analysis of Audiovisual Material | 20 |  |
| Interactive Teaching | 10 |  |
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| Course total | 125 |  |
| **STUDENT PERFORMANCE**  **EVALUATION**  *Description of the evaluation procedure*  *Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other*  *Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.* | The degree may depend in part on,  1. the final exam (100%), or  2. the final exam (70%), and one paper (30%)  The written examination includes:   1. Multiple choice questions 2. Short responses   3. Open ended questions  Optional Assignment (30%)  1,500 words, 30% of the mark, provided that the final exam will be passable.  The objective of the assignment is to summarize and develop a critical positioning in the study of issues discussed during the semester. Clarifications of the assignments, as well as the grading criteria, will be made known to students at the beginning of lectures and posted on the course website. | | | |

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