

Clinical, Social and Intercultural Psychology Master, academic year: 2025-26

Course: Sociology, Places and Cultures of Sustainability, *Prof. Giorgio Osti*

Link for exam information:

https://agendastudentiunipd.easystaff.it/index.php?view=home&include=homepage&_lang=en

At the item [Exams calendar](#) – by teacher - Previous registration at Uniweb is necessary

Information for the drafting of the examination paper

The final exam consists in the preliminary drafting of a scientific text which must have the following characteristics:

length: max 2500 words, references included, tables and figures excluded. Longer papers will not be accepted. Format: docx (possibly, beside docx a pdf format for tables or figures)

I suggest dividing the paper in sections; use of graphs and pictures is welcome. Bibliographic references must be quoted in the text. References are included in the maximum number of words.

The argument and the type of the essay can be communicated in advance to the teacher for advice. The topic must regard class arguments contained in the title: Sociology, Places, Cultures of Sustainability. I suggest a concrete case/s, a new one or an emblematic case already studied. Comparative analysis among few cases is welcome. Topics linked to special argument of the class (wetlands) are appreciated; there is a chance to send an abstract to international conference of 26-27 March 2026: <https://www.areefragili.it/vuoti-e-appetiti-il-futuro-del-suolo-nelle-aree-rurali-fragili/>, call for abstract in English soon)

The classification of relative position of social science (metaframe) presented in the class must be considered in the paper, even for a motivated rejection. In such a case an alternative framework must be proposed. Thus, in the paper it is important to show the capacity to use critically the theories, frameworks, models, schools etc. Anyway, empirical papers are preferred to review ones.

The paper structure is typical of scientific papers:

1. Introduction or abstract including research object, aims, research question or hypothesis, paper steps
2. brief literature analysis,
3. framework,
4. data/evidence,
5. comments,
6. conclusions

The student paper represents the exam; in the day before the exam session the teacher will communicate by a personal email a brief discursive evaluation and a mark expressed out of thirty; thus, the day of exam is used only for possible brief clarification on the paper content and evaluation. The mark is registered; then the students have several days for refusing it. It is compulsory to be present at the exam session.

Paper must be delivered at least one week before the exam dates. Nothing prevents the student from sending well in advance the paper, obviously at the end of the course.

The reduced number of words (max 2500) is an occasion to develop a synthetic and precise way of thinking and writing. References must be proportionate to the length of the paper.