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METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO SOCIAL COHESION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

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Compulsory course - Cycle B - Semester B

The purpose of this course is to introduce and familiarize the graduate student to the issues of social cohesion, inequalities, exclusion processes, and restructuring of urban, periurban and rural areas. In particular, phenomena such as globalization, urban and rural change, social, economic and demographic differentiations, lifestyles and values, social integration processes are key objectives of the course. Conducting short field research by the student in the above topics is also part of the objectives of the course.

The course is organized into three levels of analysis:

The first level focuses on the theoretical approach and the way of formation of the concepts such as social cohesion, social integration and participation, poverty and social exclusion, inequalities, rural resilience during the economic crisis, urban space and countryside.

The second level focuses on the empirical investigation of phenomena and processes related to employment and pluriactivity, migration and childhood of second-generation, social inclusion of vulnerable groups (drug addicts, single parents, women, unemployed people and young unemployed, destitute, people with special abilities, the elderly), rural communities' regeneration, conflicts and changing power relations in both the urban and the rural milieu.

The third level focuses on applied local, national and European policies and practices promoting models to strengthening social cohesion, participation and integration, to fight against poverty and exclusion, and to restructuring towards single territorial area. Emphasis is placed on methodology and examples from contemporary Greek society under extreme economic and social crisis.

Evaluation: Essay.

Reading list:

- Cloke, P., Marsden, T. & Mooney, M. (eds), 2006. *Handbook of Rural Studies*. London: SAGE Publications.
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- Paugam, S., édit., 1996. *L'Exclusion, l'état des Savoirs*. Paris: La Découverte.
- Papadopoulou D., 2012. *Sociology of exclusion in the era of globalization. The disruption of social ties and the lack of access to social rights under crisis conditions*, Athens: Topos
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