



Corso di laurea in Scienze sociali per la globalizzazione
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Feeding the City: Migration, Precarity, and Food Economies

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Periodo di iscrizione:

19 dicembre 2025 – 12 gennaio 2026 (please send an e-mail to: maristella.cacciapaglia@unimi.it)

Periodo di svolgimento:

23 gennaio 2026 – 24 febbraio 2026

Luogo:

Aule Seminari Via Passione & Via Conservatorio

Totale ore:

20 ore

Numero di partecipanti:

Massimo 25

Obiettivi:

How does our food reach our plates and mouths? Who does the work, here and globally? How does migration intersect with citizenship and other institutionalized fault lines (boundaries) of social inequality to organize who produces food, where, under what conditions? How do racialization, legal status, gender, age, etc. intersect in the organization of what we eat, and how it reaches our plates? (and what financial and other infrastructure supports these processes)

States play a key role in “managing” migration. That is, in sorting, ordering, including, excluding, detaining, deporting, and broadly speaking, establishing a regulatory framework and enforcement mechanisms that establish terms and conditions for entry, ongoing presence, access and removal. But states are not the only actors shaping the experiences of migrants or how food reaches us. We also have to consider global mobility regimes, transnational capitals, various levels of government, state and private institutions, faith-based institutions, private service providers, brokers, and civil society, including migrant organizations. And more. This course will use food as a point of entry into the complex set of social actors and institutions implicated in producing food, and getting it to you as consumers. We will also consider organizing and other efforts to improve the lives of migrant workers (with precarious status) who are involved in these processes.

Modalità di valutazione:

Attendance (at least 80%); Class participation; Research assignment.

Modalità di partecipazione:

Course format: In-person; Language: English.

Calendario degli incontri:

Date	Time	Topic	Place
Friday 23/01/2026	10:30– 12:30	What's wrong with temporariness? Open Seminar, with Ludger Pries.	Aula Seminari Passione
Tuesday 27/01/2026	14:30– 16:30	Racialized Legal Status & Intersectional Approaches	Aula Seminari Passione
Friday 30/01/2026	10:30– 12:30	Food Production in Italy and Canada. Vulnerable workers in both contexts	Aula Seminari Passione
Tuesday 03/02/2026	14:30– 16:30	A Focus on the Fishing Industry: Visit of an Expert	Aula Seminari Conservatorio
Friday 06/02/2026	10:30– 12:30	Labour in Food Consumption & Ethnographic Walk to a Food Market	Aula Seminari Passione
Tuesday 10/02/2026	14:30– 16:30	Food Delivery and its Ambivalences & Visit of a Migrant Rider	Aula Seminari Conservatorio
Friday 13/02/2026	10:30– 12:30	What can be done?	Aula Seminari Conservatorio
Tuesday 17/02/2026	08:30– 10:30	Regularisation and its Limits Joint lesson with M. Ambrosini, course on Immigration Policies	Aula E Via Pace
Friday 20/02/2026	10:30– 12:30	Research Assignment	Aula Seminari Passione
Tuesday 24/02/2024	14:30– 16:30	Research Assignment (Presentation)	Aula Seminari Conservatorio