

Students willing to apply must have some familiarity with social science studies and interest in social problems and policies. Thesis can be either theoretical or empirical, or a mix of both. If you plan to have a project thesis, please think about another professor who can complement my supervision as I am a sociologist and I have no expertise in planning or designing.

I accept thesis both in Italian and English.

If you want to apply, please think about:

- A tentative title of your thesis
- A 10 lines description of your title
- A general structure of the thesis (chapters, research activity)
- Your timing and related expectations.

The main topics are the following:

1. Housing, urban and social problems of the *older population* resident in residential institutions, sheltered housing, or ageing at home.

2. Local social policies and services addressing the needs of children, older people, vulnerable families (ex. Day care services for children; pre-school services; institutions for older people, local or national anti-poverty programs)

3. Segregation or social exclusion in urban areas and in schools. Contemporary cities see an upsurge of social and spatial inequalities, and these dynamics have impacts on the residential distribution of the population as well as in the distribution of pupils in schools.

4. Gentrification in contemporary cities: drivers and impacts.