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# **Societal Issues between Continuity and Change**

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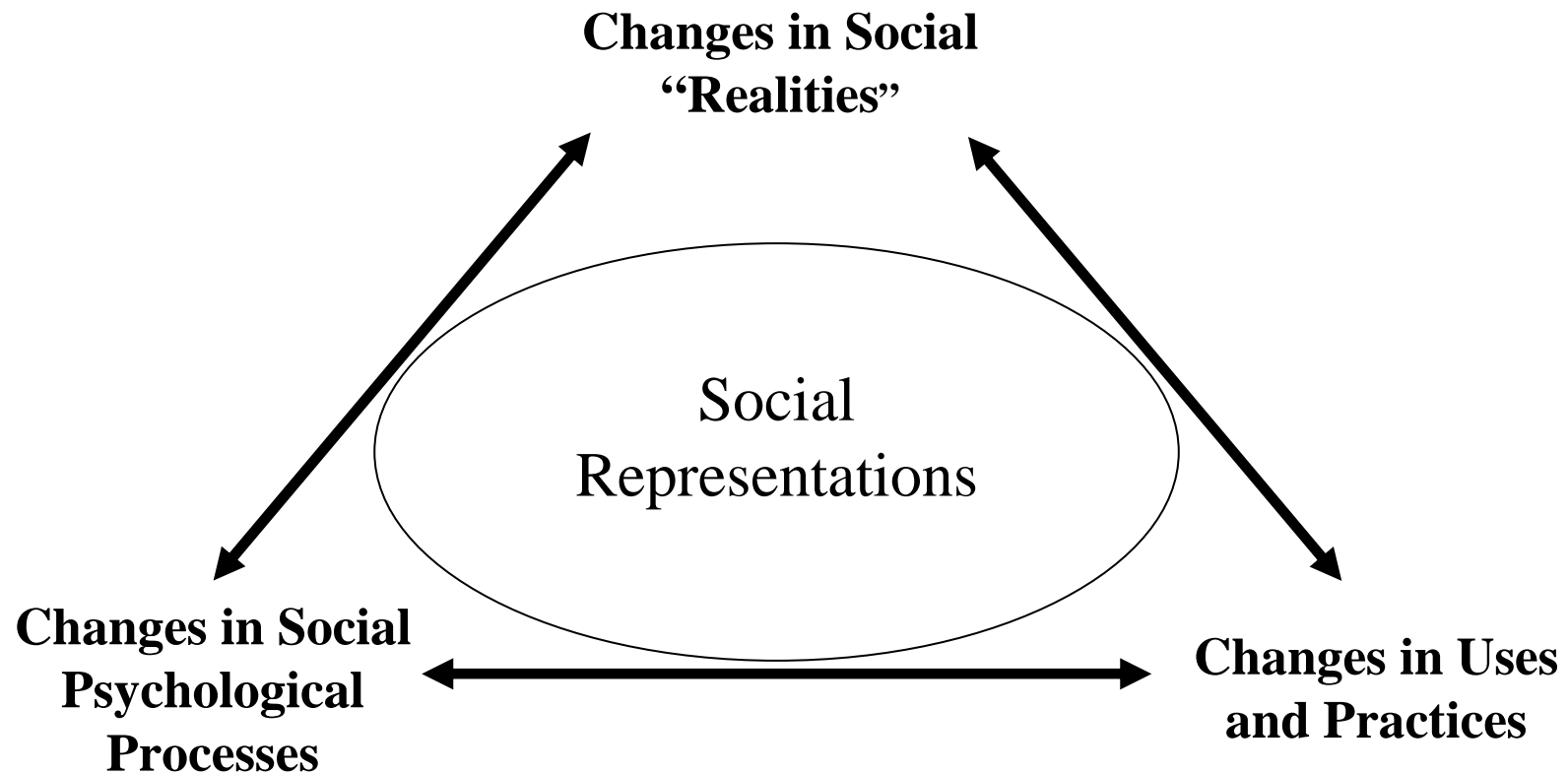
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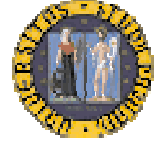
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# The Space in Between

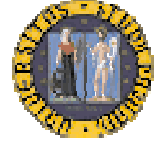
(Moscovici 1961/76 - Flick 1998)





## Hospital and District without Pain

- **Societal demands:** International, national, regional... agencies (WHO, HPH, HDWP) ask to reduce the rate of treatable pain in patients in hospitals or at home.
- **HDWP:** Searching for new practices and views in order to promote a new approach to pain.
- **Research Proposal**, aims: critical assessment of views (social representations) of pain in health professionals and future professionals (students).  
Via: Participant/ethnographic observation, survey and focus groups



# Women and Science

## The Leaky Pipe Effect

- **Societal demands:** International agencies (e.g. European Committee) ask to promote inclusion of women and minority groups in science and technology.
- **LPE:** Progressive decrease in the presence of women in science and technology at growing levels of the formative and professional route tend to remain unchanged. [LP.ppt](#)
- **Research Proposal**, aims: critical assessment of factors inter-related and linked to the *leaky pipe*, identification and promotion of affirmative actions turned to remove elements of discrimination and modify processes of self-exclusion by women and minority groups. Via: Survey and focus groups.



## Ageing in an Ageing Society

- **Societal demands:** Demographic change and international agencies commitment (WHO, EU) ask to promote inclusion of the elderly in society.
- **Paradox:** Although with dramatic changes in age “pyramids” and declared concerns, the narrative of decline tend to remain pervasive.
- **Research Proposal(s),** aims: Monitoring social representations of Ageing in different contexts; promoting alternative views through appreciative inquiry. Via: Archive research (literary texts), “survey” and interviews.

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