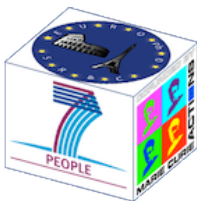## SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting

- **Date and time:** February 1, 2016; h: 15:30-17:30
- **Location:** European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab, first floor.
- **Participants:**
  - **SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Members:** Annamaria de Rosa, Bruno Mazzara, Giovanna Leone, Mauro Sarrica, Paola Passafaro, Elena Bocci, Laura Dryjanska (invited participant as responsible of the operational coordination of the daily activities of the doctoral trainees).
  - **Integrated with one member from the Executive Committee** (prof. Andrei Holman, University AliCuza Iasi, Romania: via Skype)
  - **Integrated with the two elected ESR's representatives:** Mihaela Gherman and Borja de Madaria.

Agenda:
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  ii. **How to achieve the project's milestones**

i. Monitoring the current status of the individual and overall research progress.
- Prof. de Rosa mentioned that Prof. de Alba (UAMI- Mexico) would be an **additional tutor** for three fellows: Borja De Madaria, Agnese Pastorino, and Ana Tomicic. Prof. Padiglione has given Prof. de Rosa feedback that he would not be available as a co-tutor, but rather as an additional research consultant. Subsequently, the participants had some observations concerning the **Scheduling Supervising Meetings**, concluding that the proposed file will have to undergo some small additional revisions. In any case, individual meetings have to be focused on the scientific content and the quality of the meta-theoretical analyses.

ii. How to achieve the project's milestones
- Prof. de Rosa has shared the slide "Our Journey: where "we" came from, where we are sailing, where is the point and beyond" observing the challenge related to everyone's different disciplinary and intellectual background. She reminded the participants of the necessity to confront each other concerning the **"quality"** (and not only the **"quantity")** of the meta-theoretical analyses, without diminishing the relevance to have a solid and robust set of the data (our big data!). Prof. Sarrica pointed out the need to implement some sort of inter-coder reliability check and prof. de Rosa mentioned that this has been already done in the past and currently two doctoral trainees (Tania Santos and Hiran) are analysing the same reference both at training purpose and for inter-coder reliability check by new users of the grid. Another possibility is offered by the use of already completed meta-theoretical analyses (more than 3.800) performed in the past by more coders. Another problem highlighted by Prof. de Rosa concerns the **cross-macthing,** but also the **mismatching of the references**. At his regard Borja has remarked that at times he realized only after carefully reading the entire paper that it actually was not pertinent to his focus. Borja also emphasized his difficulty when dealing with publications of geographers and the unclear references to social representations, especially when it comes to other disciplines than social psychology. Prof. Leone replied that some classifications of authors should be developed, based on the "fashion" to quote social representations versus the genuine belief in the usefulness of the concept, including a special category for the authors who come from other disciplines and have a distinct approach. Borja noted that the same author could have different approaches to social representations; it is a process at times, when they arrive from "socially shared representations" to social representations.

- Prof. de Rosa shared a table that demonstrated the number of meta-theoretical analyses completed by each one of the fellows. She reminded that the productivity standard of 4 meta-theoretical analyses per day (2 articles/book chapters and 2 conference abstracts) was recommended to the ESRs since June 2015 in order to take into account the project milestone deadlines. Borja and Mihaela emphasized the concern about the quality of meta-theoretical analysis, which is a cognitive task, requiring attention. Prof. Leone suggested to exclude a priori the doctoral dissertations as types of publication, since they are much more demanding and require more time to read. Prof. Sarrica asked about the criteria which publications the fellows choose to analyse first. Borja replied that his criterion was the chronological order, which also allowed him to find a way to identify core authors. Mihaela, on the other hand, proceeded with core authors from specific geo-cultural locations. Prof. de Rosa confirmed that all these criteria (chronological order, author's reputation/popularity, geo-cultural anchoring in a specific school/institution context, consistency in meta-analysing different publications of the key authors who have developed specific approaches or research lines adopting a historical perspective from older contributions to more recent ones,…) are all

important to document historically the development of the theory over the time and across continents and have been recommended to the ESRs several times, since the reading process should not be fragmented, thus completing the meta-theoretical analyse by regrouping the authors by names and school/institutional contexts.

Prof. de Rosa has also mentioned the *XIII International Conference on Social Representations* as an important milestone with a very short deadline (February 29). She shared her idea to organize two interconnected sessions of a round table, addressing the paradigmatic and thematic foci, while the geo-cultural contexts would be relevant for both round tables. The first round table would also be attended by Prof. Jodelet and Prof. Jesuino (who already confirmed their participation), while the second round table would also include contributions from colleagues from the Sapienza Supervisory Board, as well as other colleagues such as Prof. Camargo (to be still confirmed), Prof. De Alba, Prof. Seidmann, and Prof. Negura (to be still confirmed).

As regards as the situation of the SoReCom-Joint-IDP project Prof. de Rosa has shown the **semiotic triangle** (consisting of three apexes: the European Commission, Sapienza Supervisory Board and the Early Stage Researchers), emphasizing every part's agency. If just one relationship is negative, the whole project will fail.

Prof. Leone concluded that a lot of practical work was also necessary and the important conclusions would arrive only after a longer period of time, in a moment. She interprets the current circumstances as the middle of the struggle, prior to the "Gestalt experience". Discussing the content has given her mixed feelings, but she is very concerned, even frightened, about the **time pressure**.

At the end, **the next meeting of the SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting**

was scheduled **for Wednesday, March 16, 2016 h: 15:30- 16:45**