SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting

- **Date and time:** March 16, 2015; h: 15:30-17:00
- **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,
  - **Integrated with the two elected ESR's representatives:** Aminat Ramazanova (elected on March 15) and Borja De Madaria (confirmed by ESRs' decision of ensuring continuity).
  - Note: The integrated member from the Executive Committee (prof. Andrei Holman, University AliCuza Iasi, Romania) tried to be connected via Skype, but there were technical problems at his University with internet connection), and the member from the SoReCom Joint-IDP SB (prof. Martha de Alba (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa, UAMI, Mexico) was justified absent.

- **Agenda** (inverted in the order of the point i and ii):
  i. **Forthcoming Training Events and International Conferences and ESRs active involvement**
     a. **2016 International Lab Meeting Spring Session (18-20 April)**
     b. **2016 International Summer School (17-23 July)**
     c. **ICSR Marseille and Round Table in 2 sessions (September 2016)**
  ii. **Assessing the current status of the individual and overall research progress**
  iii. **Revised plan to achieve the project's milestone and ESR achievements**
  iv. **Scheduling next meetings of the Sapienza Supervisory Board integrated**

The meeting started welcoming Aminat Ramazanova (as new elected ESR representative) and for wishing both her and Borja De Madaria a continuing/renewed constructive collaborative experience .
The Sapienza Supervisory Board regrets that the lack of the full respect of the rotational basis in favour of continuity will not allow to one of the ESR to take part in the Board as representative for 3 meetings (3 months). At the same time , prof. de Rosa – on behalf of the Board. has thanked in the morning by e-mail **Mihaela-Alexandra** for the positive collaboration she provided as representative in the integrated Supervisory Board from December t2015 o February 2016.

In agreement with the Agenda, the following points have been discussed:
  i. **Forthcoming Training Events and International Conferences and ESRs active involvement**
     ICSR Marseille and Round Table in 2 sessions (September 2016)
     - Prof. de Rosa started claiming the "politeness" in communication as pre-requisite for collaborating in research, declaring her disappointment for the tone used in the e-mail received by ESR Borja De Madaria to which prof Giovanna Leone replied to re-establish basic conditions of respect and to clarify the efforts made by prof. de Rosa in organising the Round Table at ICSR Marseille.
     - ESRs' representative Borja De Madaria pointed out the disappointment with Prof. de Rosa eliminating certain parts of the drafts prepared by the fellows and submitting the abstracts without prior consultation with the fellows.
     - Prof. de Rosa replied that she already illustrated to each fellow the needed changes in the previous individual meetings, showing the text with highlighted the changes made in specific colors.
     - Prof. de Rosa clarified that the changes were needed for respecting the guidelines for abstract submission (in particular the 500 words limits) and for not presenting as results those that are just preliminary intuitions .
     - ESRs' representative Borja De Madaria stated that at this point many fellows do not want to go to the conference anymore, but ESRs' representative Aminat Ramazanova stressed that, despite this misunderstanding, she and others want to participate in the conference and make a good presentation.
     - Prof. Leone summed up the conflictive situation, pointing out that submission of abstracts for a symposium is particularly complex due to the need to harmonise different proposals and due to time shortage and deadlines. Prof. Leone explained that in these situations there may be two possible ways of teaching: offering a positive example (i.e. by intervening on the draft) or by letting the failure happen (i.e. by submitting a proposal that does not fit with the required guidelines).
     - The ESRs representatives were invited to inform their fellows about the clarifications received during the meeting. They were further invited to clarify if all the ESRs still want to participate the the ICSR conference or if some or all of them prefer not to participate.

     2016 30th International Lab Meeting Spring Session (18-20 April)
     Prof. de Rosa gave the printed versions of the the program to all board members:
     Title: The "Structural" paradigmatic approach to Social Representations
     The program has been published at: http://www.europhd.net/html/_onda02/07/32.01.00.00.shtml

2016 22nd International Summer School (draft version to be still confirmed) (17-23 July)
      Title: The "methodological polytheism" in the Social Representations literature and its implication in the contemporary communication era: distinctiveness and dialogue between multiple research methods (textual and image-based research sources and tools, traditional and new media-based research design, experimental and field oriented studies)

      The active role of the SoReCom Joint –IDP fellows in the program of each event is foreseen – coherently with the individual foci organized articulated within the 3 main overall research lines (paradigmatic, geo-cultural anchoring and thematic orientations) – in agreement with one of the replies to the 13 REA recommendations and the policy for the ESRs' active participation in the scientific events

ii. **Assessing the current status of the individual and overall research progress**
      Assessing the current status of the individual and overall research progress – Prof. Mazzara has presented critical elements concerning the slow pace of the meta-theoretical analyses.
      ESRs' representative Borja De Madaria asked if the issue was quality or quantity.
      Prof. de Rosa replied that both quantity and quality are important: to have a solid corpus of data and to ensure the high quality of data. She also invited to make sure that no field is being skipped in order to avoid problems when the data will be imported in the new platform.
      Dr. Sarrica pointed out that there is a big risk of delay. Holding the present pace, the construction of the dataset (as expected by the project) risk to be completed by february 2017; therefore, the commitment of the group is necessary.

iii. **Revised plan to achieve the project's milestone and ESR achievements**
   o Prof. Mazzara informed the ESR's representatives that the Board will monitor if every fellow for the next month will be able to to perform the recently revised plan of minimum 15 meta-theoretical analyses per week, aimed at reaching the goal to compete the meta-analyses of articles and book chapters by June.
   o This deadline will allow to have the time to fill the data in the platform, to analyze the data and to prepare the presentations at the ICSR conference in Marseille in September.
   o If the monitoring will show that there is no way to reach the project milestones, the Board will consider seriously its termination.
   o Prof. Leone stressed the importance of the right speed for building the data to achieve the planned goal due to time factor.
   o Prof. de Rosa mentioned that the revised calculation (based only on book chapters and articles, excluding abstract conferences until June 2016) is aimed to reach the project target goal taking into account a criteria of the fair distribution of the workload among all the 13 ESRs. However Prof. de Rosa also stressed that some fellows, who have worked until now more than others – do not intend to compensate the work of the fellows who do not work enough and do not accomplish the standards. Therefore she mentioned the need to identify every ESR's position on whether they are willing to analyse references related to the overall corpus.ESR Borja De Madaria clearly stated that he will refuse to do meta-theoretical analyses that were assigned to others and that are not pertinent to his research goal, but instead he would look for more references related to environment.
   o ESR Aminat Ramazanova replied that the collaborative group work is already occurring, giving the example of how she has exchanged some references with other ESRs due to language skills.
   o Prof. de Rosa provided justifications for the team based collaborative work. It is relevant also from an individualised perspective: it will allow to include sources of more general interest, enriching and not conflicting with the thematic orientation, or sources of cross-cutting thematic relevance. For example, the sources anchored to the geo-cultural context Europe or to the thematic domain Multi-dimensional identities and politics are even the triple compared other research focus and the splitting of the sources among the 13 ESRs was not a rigid assignment.
   o Dr. Sarrica pointed out that there may be a conflict among fellows on this distribution of the sources, but that it is possible to find constructive solutions that will allow to distribute the tasks among the fellows in a cooperative way that will respect individual interests. Taking as an example 'Environment' or 'Health', it is probable that within the 'European geo-cultural context' there will still be many articles that are of specific interest to the fellows who are working on these themes.
   o Prof. Mazzara stated that the group level of responsibility is necessary, hoping that the goal of 15 meta-theoretical analyses per week will be achieved.

iv. **Scheduling next meetings of the Sapienza Supervisory Board integrated**
   • **Next meetings were scheduled for:**
     o **April 20, 2016 at 15:30-17:00,**
     o **May 4 at 15:30-17:00,**
     o **June 13 at 15:30-17:00**
     o **July 11 at 15:30-17:00.**