

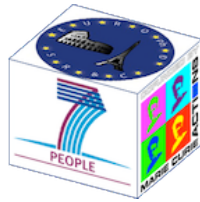
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SoReCom Joint-IDP Sapienza Supervisory Board Integrated Meeting

- **Date and time:** Tuesday January 17, 2017; h: 12:30-14:00
- **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, Giovanna Leone, Mauro Sarrica, 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), **and one member from the SoReCom Joint-IDP SB** (Martha de Alba (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa, UAMI, Mexico: via Skype) and **one member from non academic partner** (Sylvan Lassarre, IFSTTAR, France)
 - **Integrated with the three elected ESR's representatives:** Mihaela Gherman and Borja de Madaria.
 - **Justified absences:** prof. Andrei Holman, due to exceptional heavy snow and internet disconnection), Martha de Alba and Laura Dryjanska due to family problems.

Agenda:

- A. Welcome to the new and confirmed ESR's representatives
 - B. Next Training Events:
 - i. 2017 Winter International Lab Meeting
 - ii. 2017 Spring International Lab Meeting
 - iii. 2017 International Summer School
 - C. Replies to questions addressed by the ESRs representatives
 - i. Format and Timeline for thesis chapters/articles submission
 - ii. Extension for final thesis submission
 - iii. Deadline for International Journal submission of the articles
 - iv. Final jury
 - v. Seminar about transferable skills and post-doc career opportunities
 - D. Schedule of the next individual co-supervision meeting with each ESR
 - E. Schedule of the next meetings of the Integrated and Restricted Supervisory Board
- A. Welcome to the new ESR representative (Teresa Forte; Portugal) and to the confirmed ESRs Ana Tomcic (Croatia) and Laura Arhiri (Romania)
- B. Next Training Events:
- **2017 Winter International Lab Meeting program** (see e-mail sent on December 22 with links to the Scientific programme: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda02/07/34.01.00.00.shtm)
 - 1. The organisational formula is driven by two main objectives:
 - a. **Taking a stock of the SoReCom Joint-IDP research progress and next milestones to be achieved**, as **introductory lecture** by prof. Annamaria de Rosa, following the **Welcome Address to the participants at the laboratory and connected online, including the new doctoral trainees enrolled in the a.y. 2016-17**
- The best way to take a stock of the SoReCom Joint-IDP will be offered by the ESRs' presentations of the **current status of their research progress and thesis elaboration** (in agreement with the e-mail sent to them on December 22, 2016), followed by **feedbacks and discussion with the members of Sapienza Supervisory Board and all participants**.
In this 2017 edition the ESRs' presentations will reflect not only the accomplishment of the original approved project goals, corresponding to the three main axes of the overall project (geo-cultural, paradigmatic and thematic), but in some cases also the deviation from it due to the free interpretation of the individualisation of the project by some of the ESRs.
- i. **"Mapping the impact and dissemination of the social representation theory across different geo-cultural contexts":**



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- “Latin America”: the most fertilised scenario by **Teresa Forte (Portugal)**
 - “North-America and other continents (Oceania, Asia, Africa), the new emerging scenarios” by **Mihaela Alexandra Gherman (Romania)**
- N.B. The focus on “Europe”: the homeland in this 2017 edition will be missed taking into account the new focus developed by **Ana Tomicic (Croatia)** “Value for Money? The crafting of a market-driven academia in Europe”.

ii. “Genesis and development of the different paradigmatic approaches in more than years of social representation theory: mapping theory, methods, thematic areas and applications”

- the “Structural paradigmatic approach” by **Ioana Guralic (Romania)**
- the “Socio-dynamic paradigmatic approach” by **Marija Adela Gjorgjioska (Macedonia)**
- the “Anthropological and ethnographic paradigmatic approach” ethnographic paradigmatic approach” by **Laura Arhiri (Romania)**
- the “Dialogical, conversational and narrative paradigmatic approaches” by **Maryia Kukharava (Belorussia)**

N.B. The focus on “Modelling approach” in this 2017 edition will be missed taking into account the new focus outside the original approved project developed by **Agnese Pastorino (Italy)** about “Online Audiovisual Risky Contents for Children within the European Parliamentary Debates”

iii. “Taking stock of the Social Representations literature in various thematic fields of application”:

- “Science, Social Representations and Communication” by **Aminat Ramazanova (Russia)**
- “Social Representations and Environment” by **Borja De Madaria Escudero (Spain)**
- “Social Representations, Economy, Advertising, Marketing and Organizational Contexts” by **Gabriela Monica Panzaru (Romania)**
- “Social Representations & Politics: Multidimensional identities, intergroup relations, social movements and active minorities” by **Filomena Berardi (Italy)**

N.B. The focus on “Social Representations, Community & Health” in this 2017 edition will be missed because **Carlo Filiberto Aguilar (Mexico)** cannot attend the event.

b. the **introductory and advanced training in the meta-theoretical analysis** coherently with the different phases of the participant’s doctorate depending on their year of enrolment, including:

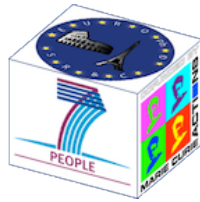
- i. Session aimed at presenting the **State of the Art of the Meta-theoretical Analysis of the Social Representations Literature** and the **SoReCom “A.S. de Rosa” @-library: Mission, tools and On-going Developments** by prof. Annamaria de Rosa and dr. Laura Dryjanska
- ii. Special session entitled “**From the bibliographic repertory to the meta-theoretical analysis repertory and @-Library: How to perform a meta-theoretical analysis**. Session reserved to research trainees enrolled in the 1st and 2nd years of the European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. “.
- iii. It will be followed by a session aimed at “**Sharing expertise on meta-theoretical analysis: challenging examples**” including:
 1. **presentations by the Research Trainees enrolled in the 1st year*** of the list of articles they have chosen for the meta-theoretical analysis, and justification of the choice of these articles in relation to their research focus (about 20 minutes for each trainee) and feedbacks: * **Shiella Balbutin (Philippines), Jessica Breau (Canada), Valeria Cuevas (Mexico), Andrei-Dobrea Razvan (Romania), Nathalie Plante (Canada)**.
 2. **presentations by the Research Trainees enrolled in the 2nd year** of an exemplary case among the articles that they have meta-theoretically analysed (about 20 minutes for each trainee connected via interactive) and feedbacks: * **Diana Arghire (Romania), Anderson Mathias (Brazil), Corinne Buhay (France), Claude Lavoie (Canada), Hiram Reyes Sosa (Mexico)**.

The scientific program - enriched by the relevant bibliography linked with related texts in Pdf, and by complementary didactic materials - is already available on the website at the link: <http://www.europhd.eu/html/onda02/07/31.01.00.00.shtml> and the participants in the event can download the texts in advance the event.

- **2017 Spring International Lab Meeting program, including seminars on transferable skills** (Tuesday 18 April – Thursday 20 April)

In agreement with the planned training events as described in the Annex I – the program of the **2017 Spring Session International Lab Meeting (Rome - Italy, 17th - 21th April 2016)** - will be focussed around “The “**Socio-Dynamic**” paradigmatic approach to Social Representations: **Anchoring, Positioning and Normative Context**. The event also will include **Complementary Methodological and Transferable Skills Seminars**.

The invited professors from **Switzerland, India, Spain** and an expert from **Italy** have already confirmed their participation



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- The program will be open by a key lecture given by **Dario Spini**, assisted by his doctoral trainees **Leila Eisner** (University of Lausanne, Switzerland), entitled “**Social Representations of Human Rights:**”
- **The Development of a Socio-Dynamic Framework**” on Tuesday 18 April.
- A second lecture given by prof. Dario Spini on Wednesday 19 April will address relevant issues concerning “**Social representations and social psychology: a theoretical and methodological opportunity for the social sciences?**”.
- Prof. **Jyoti Verma** (from Patna University, India) will enlarge the cultural view of social psychology and the anchoring of social representation theory into the Indian context with a key lecture entitled “**The importance of common sense understanding of social phenomenon in India: the background of social psychology scenario and how SRs theory gets established in coming times in India.**”

All the key lectures, as usually, will be followed by **Questions from participants in a face-to-face context and via the web-auditorium and forum discussion with the keynote speakers.**

The key lectures will be followed by **interviews** with prof. Dario Spini and prof. **Jyoti Verma** - entitled “**Between the biography of the theory and the personal intellectual auto-biography**” - led by **Annamaria Silvana de Rosa**, developing the multiyear series of interviews realised with the protagonists of this scientific field, according to a specific qualitative tool also integrated within the multi-methodological plan of the collaborative research plan approved within the SoReCom Joint-IDP.

An intensive methodological session – led by Prof. **Hilda Gambará** from Universidad Autonoma de Madrid) – will enrich the scientific program. It will be aimed at **Introducing the doctoral trainees to the classical meta-analysis**, by illustrating:

- **The basics of a meta-analysis**
- **Steps for a MA.**
- **Understanding meta-analysis data**
- **Forest Plot**
- **Publication bias**
- **Weaknesses and strengths of MA**

and **presenting the classical meta-analysis with an empirical example.**

This session will help the doctoral trainees to develop awareness about the specificity of the classical meta-analysis compared the meta-theoretical analysis developed by de Rosa and to explore in which sense the classical meta-analysis can be useful for inspiring new research on social representations, rather than using it as confirmatory tools of previous research results.

A **Complementary Training Session on Transferable Skills** will be led by dr. **Emanuele Gennuso**, an expert from the International Relations Area of Sapienza University with two interventions

- **How to get EC research funds in several disciplinary and cross-thematic domains**
- **Post-doc career grants opportunities: How to get post-doc EC grants**

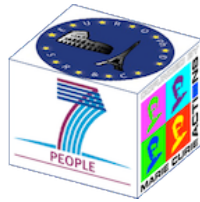
also in this cases followed by **Questions from participants in a face-to-face context and via the web-auditorium and forum discussion with the expert.**

Finally the program will also includes **presentations by the Research Trainees** enrolled in the 1st and 2nd year s of the *European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. Research Trainees* concerning their individual research projects.

The scientific program is already available on the website at the link: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda02/07/35.01.00.00.shtml. The relevant bibliography linked with related texts in Pdf, the complementary didactic materials and the presentations will be published in advance the event, as usually.

- **2017 International Summer School.**

In agreement with the planned training events as described in the Annex I – the program of the **2017 International Summer School** (18th-24th June) will be focussed on “**Social Representations in the social arena faced with social demand: a wide range of societal issues investigated in various thematic areas in multiple applied contexts**”.



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The opening day will be fully dedicated to a series of key lectures – following the *Welcome Address* by prof. Annamaria de Rosa - and will include:

- **Social representations in the field of education and community psychology: the homeless people**
by **Susana Seidman** (University of Belgrano, **Argentina**)
- **Social thought supporting professional action: social representations and intervention**
by **Lilian Negura** (University of Ottawa, **Canada**)
- **Social representations and health: the 2014 Ebola outbreak in Spain**
by **Lorena Gil De Montes** (University of Basque Country, **Spain**)
- **Daily mobility and socio-spatial representations on elderly residents of the metropolitan area of Mexico City** by **Martha De Alba** (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, **Mexico**)
- **Driving behaviors, moral reasoning and Social Representations**
by **Andrei Holman** (University Ali.Cuza of Iasi, **Romania**)
- **Role of scientific and common knowledge in road safety Policy**
by **Sylvain Lassarre** (IFSTTAR, Paris **France**)

All the key lectures, as usually, will be followed by **Questions from participants in a face-to-face context and via the web-auditorium and forum discussion with the keynote speakers.**

The program of the **2017 Summer School** is still under definition concerning the sessions of the Thesis Defence in front of the Final Jury. In view of the submission of the 13 ESR's theses by April 18, three Final Jury committees will be designated according to the procedures .

On the last day (Friday 23 June) - parallel to the **Meeting of the European/International Joint PhD Evaluation Board (Final Jury) and elaboration of the theses defence evaluation reports -**

a training session dedicated to the ESR's transferable skills by the non-academic partner eng. **Conny Ericsson (CONERI, Sweden)** should be dedicated to one of the below topics (to be confirmed):

- **How to get successful employment outside of academia**
or
- **How to submit successful application and CV for an employment outside of academia: strategies and opportunities**
or
- **Post Doc-Career prospect outside academia: marketing strategies in a globalised economy**
or
- **Post Doc-Career prospect outside academia: how to exploit the social media communicative strategies**

The definitive version of the scientific program will be published on the program institutional web site – as soon as the ESR's theses will be submitted and therefore the several sessions of the Final Jury can be confirmed.

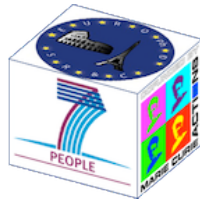
C. Replies to questions addressed by the ESRs representatives

About the **Timeline for chapters/articles submission and deadline for final thesis**, the ESRs have been informed since their recruitment of the project timeline (as indicated in the Annex I) and of the Euro PhD regulation and since 2016 May about the document by MIUR (prot. n. 12835 18-5-2016: "*Proroga Dottorato – Circolare interpretativa Normativa*") to prevent the bad practice in extension of the thesis defence.

Anticipating the e-mail sent to all ESRs the day after the SSB (on January 18), the replies to the questions addressed by ESR's representative (Ana Tomicic) are as below:

1 Q: What are the modalities of submission of the thesis in April? Do we have to print it or it will be sufficient to send the PDF. If printed, the printed version has to be deposited at an Office at the Sapienza University or at the Europhd lab? And, if printed, would it be possible to send it through the post?

Reply: Due to the complex **multi-step evaluation process** implying a first step assessment by the main tutor



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and the co-tutor (in the case of the mono-contractor SoReCom Joint -IDP from Sapienza supervisor Board) and - only upon their approval - a second step assessment by the members of the Final Jury, the deadline to submit the complete thesis and short article - already reviewed and approved by the main supervisor and the co-tutor - is strictly **April 18, 2017** (the deadline was exceptionally extended by Sapienza Supervisory Board compared to the regular one of 31st March as a specific measure for the trainees enrolled in the SoReCom Joint IDP project; **See e-mail "Forthcoming deadline"** sent to the ESRs on **September 21 2016**).

By that date **April 18, 2017** the final **PDF version of the thesis** has to be sent to the main tutor and co-tutor at **European/International Joint PhD director** together **with a report about the activities carried out and the eventual publications during the 3 years of the PhD (see the attached template, that can be easily filed integrating or updating your Personal Career Plan)**. Upon request of the Final Jury members printed version of the final **PDF version of the thesis** (according to the format below) could be requested as well.

The main tutor and the co-tutor will perform a written evaluation of the thesis. The thesis and the evaluations by the tutor and co-tutor are then sent by the **European/International Joint PhD director** to the members of the Final Jury who will themselves perform a written evaluation to decide if the thesis is admitted for discussion.

Once the thesis is officially admitted for discussion, the trainee must submit 5 printed copies of the PhD thesis and 10 copies of the short article (for those that do not have the 'three papers' thesis) to the **European/International Joint PhD Laboratory** prior to the date of discussion at least one month before (**May 18, 2017**). Copies of the thesis should be preferable deposited personally or (in exceptional case prior to written authorization) send by certified express courier .

The thesis must respect the format available at: <http://www.europhd.net/html/onda01/06/03.00.00.00.shtml>

Please also note that:

a) **Prior to the thesis discussion it is compulsory** that:

a.1. the PhD trainee fill a **questionnaire about his PhD experience** on the website of **AlmaLaurea**. All information about this can be found in the attached document recety received by the Doctoral Division.

A copy of the filed Alma Laurea questionnaire should be sent by e-mail to the **European/International Joint PhD director, for enclosing in the documentation of the Final Jury.**

a.2. sent an update version of the **Personal Career Plan**.

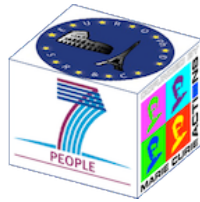
b) Once the thesis has been successfully discussed, it must be uploaded on **IRIS-Institutional Research Information System**. To obtain the access credentials the PhD trainee will have to contact the doctoral office at the following address: padis@uniroma1.it (putting the director of the doctorate, prof. de Rosa, in cc)

The same version should be uploaded on **European/International Joint PhD institutional website**.

2 Q - in the case of those writing the 3 articles thesis, would it be possible to submit to Sapienza University a first version of the publication on April 2017 and to submit the single papers to the journals after this date, before June 2017?

Reply: As indicated in the instructions sent on September 21 2106 and published on the institutional website, by **April 18, 2017 you should sent to the program Director your final version to be evaluated by the final Jury even in the case of the three articles already formatted according to the editorial norms of the Journals chosen (see below)**

Reminder on the 'three papers' model (see email dated 21 September 2016: Forthcoming Deadlines)
Under the 'three papers' model, a PhD thesis consists of three separate, publishable, papers. The papers should be of normal journal article length (say, between 5,000 and 10,000 words), depending on the editorial norms of the journal chosen jointly with the project leader (who is also the main supervisor). The three papers are each free standing (in the sense that each can be read and understood independently) but should be on related themes. The three papers are normally preceded in



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the thesis by a short introduction to the overall topic, which may contain essential background information. There may also be a general literature review.

Therefore, the 'three papers' PhD thesis looks like this:

- Introduction and background to the general topic area.
- First paper.
- Second paper.
- Third paper.
- Conclusion and implications for policy and/or further research

The total number of chapters is thus usually five, and the total length approaches 150 pages of A4 (a maximum of about 35,000 words). As with the conventional PhD thesis, appendices of unlimited length may be added, but these appendices are commonly appendices to each paper, rather than appendices to the thesis as a whole. This means that the typical 'three papers' thesis is only about half the length of the conventional thesis.

Any submission to the Journal - chosen as above indicated - should be authorized by the project leader and discussed with her and other potential co-authors (if applicable) upon the respect of the IPR.

3 Q- who is going to be in the committee judging our theses? who chooses the external examiners?

Reply: As cited in the Annex I, "The SoReCom Joint IDP International Evaluation Board (Final Jury) is responsible for evaluating the ESR's final research results. It is composed of a minimum of three members (chosen from a list of six academics designated by the participants universities)"

In accordance with the regulations of the European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C.

(http://www.europhd.net/html/_onda01/01/10.00.00.00.shtml / http://www.europhd.net/html/_onda01/07/02.00.00.00.shtml) and of Sapienza University (art. 19, comma 3.j)

The International Evaluation Board (Final Jury) is responsible for evaluating research trainees' final Ph.D. dissertations and is composed of a minimum of three academics (chosen from a list of six academics designated by the participant universities) who can belong or not to partner universities, as well as international experts from outside the European/International Joint PhD network, who are required to prepare a written report on the thesis. According to the regulations of the University of Rome Sapienza, the three tutors can participate in the discussion, but not in the evaluation"

The SoReCom Joint-IDP Integrated Supervisory Board (Sapienza Supervisory Board + representatives from University of Iasi, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana and IFSTTAR) will designate a list of 6 academics for the composition of the Final Jury (3 members and 3 substitutes) . The Final Jury composition is then officialized by Sapienza University through a Rectoral Decree.

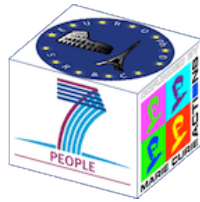
4 Q.- is there a possibility for a proroga, and under which conditions?

Reply: In a note dated 19 May 2016 the Italian Ministry for Research and University has reminded what is foreseen by the ministerial decree n.45/2013 at comma 6 of art. 8:

*"(...) La tesi, alla quale è allegata una relazione del dottorando sulle attività svolte nel corso del dottorato e sulle eventuali pubblicazioni, è valutata da almeno due docenti di elevata qualificazione, anche appartenenti a istituzioni estere, esterni ai soggetti che hanno concorso al rilascio del titolo di dottorato, di seguito denominati valutatori. I valutatori esprimono un giudizio analitico scritto sulla tesi e ne propongono l'ammissione alla discussione pubblica o il **rinvio per un periodo non superiore a sei mesi se ritengono necessarie significative integrazioni o correzioni**. Trascorso tale periodo, la tesi è in ogni caso ammessa alla discussione pubblica, corredata da un nuovo parere scritto dei medesimi valutatori, reso alla luce delle correzioni o integrazioni eventualmente apportate. La discussione pubblica si svolge innanzi a una commissione la cui composizione è definita nel regolamento. Al termine della discussione, la tesi, con motivato giudizio scritto collegiale, è approvata o respinta. La commissione, con voto unanime, ha facoltà di attribuire la lode in presenza di risultati di particolare rilievo scientifico.*

This means that after presenting your thesis by April 18:

a) The main tutor and the co-tutor will perform a written evaluation of the thesis.



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b) The thesis and the evaluations by the co-tutor are then sent to the members of the Final Jury, who will themselves perform a written evaluation to decide if the thesis is admitted for discussion. Only in case the members of the Final Jury reckon that significant and substantial integrations and/or revisions are required will the public discussion be postponed for a period not superior to 6 months. After that period the thesis is admitted for public discussion together with a second written evaluation performed by the evaluators.

5 Q- do you have suggestions for employment in and outside of academia, after our graduation?

Two special sessions have been already organised to this scope during the **forthcoming Spring Session 2017** lead by a representative of Sapienza International Relations Office.

Another session is going to be organized during the **2017 Summer School** with the involvement of a non-academic partner.

Sharing the common goal of the successful completion of the ESR's PhD, continuing to support them with advices and feedbacks, Sapienza Supervisory Board formulates best wishes for completing the thesis.

D. Schedule of the next individual co-supervision meeting with each ESR

Individual ESR's joint meetings with the project leader, the co-tutor, the researcher dedicated to methodological phases of the research (like operational steps needed for data analysis and results visualization) and the day-by-day lab assistant will be arranged one by one (or in some cases team based) according to their different research/thesis progress following the project individualization. Research questions to interview the data, specific procedures to be adopted for the multidimensional analyses of the data and results interpretation will continue to be discussed during these meetings also in relation to the anchoring of the new knowledge acquired in the specific scientific field in relation to their previous background and prospective interests.

E. Schedule of the next meetings of the Integrated and Restricted Supervisory Board

- Given that all ESRs are under pressure of writing the thesis and in some case still elaborating data with relevant delay – the next **integrated Sapienza Supervisory Board** will be beyond the deadline for the thesis submission (April 18), unless crucial points will need to be discussed.
- In the meantime the Sapienza Supervisory Board will continue to meet to monitor the SoReCom Joint-IDP development in particular in relation to the ESR's thesis progress and discuss problematic aspects to provide warning to the ESRs who do not follow properly guidance by the supervisors. The next meeting of **the restricted Sapienza Supervisory Board** is scheduled for **January 26**.
