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EUA-CDE 2nd Co-operation Workshop ***Structuring doctoral programmes: a means for continuous improvement***



The EUA-CDE workshop “*Structuring doctoral programmes: a means for continuous improvement*” took place at the University of Zagreb in Croatia on the 10th -11th December. This workshop was a forum for discussions based on concrete examples from the EUA-CDE members showing the possibilities and problems of structuring doctoral education.

The introduction of structured programmes in doctoral education has unquestionably been one of the most important developments in European higher education in the last years. Universities all over Europe have established either doctoral schools or programmes and many are in the process of setting up structures and defining institutional strategies for doctoral education.

The landscape of doctoral education in Europe is a very diverse one. Some institutions choose to erect common structures, at times crossing national boundaries, to attain critical mass, while other institutions build small, specialised units that favour close, often interdisciplinary co-operation. Setting up these structures poses a number of challenges: how to reach critical mass, the balance between taught elements and the crucial research element, how to engage faculty and doctoral candidates, as well as the fundamental questions of what needs to be structured and how to implement regulations and be accountable while protecting creativity?

The EUA-CDE workshop was another occasion to reflect on this ongoing process, to collect experiences and to share ideas on all stages from setting up a structure for doctoral education to the daily challenges of running well-established programmes.

The scientific co-ordinator of the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication has once again ensured her active participation in the EUA-CDE workshop.

Editorial News



35 years after having proposed the concept of *Social Thought*, Michel-Louis Rouquette presents an updated sample of his works on this issue in the new book “***La pensée sociale. Perspectives fondamentales et recherches appliquées***” published by Erès Editions (Paris) [ISBN: 978-2-7492-1123-7]. The book, edited by Michel-Louis Rouquette, includes chapters on social movements, values and ideologies, collective memory, nexus and inter-group differentiation, *rumeurs* and other relevant socio-cognitive and communicative phenomena by Sylvain Delouvee, Andrea Ernst-Vintila, Helene Feertchak, Christele Fraisse, Dimitri Gamby-Mas, Christian Guimelli, Gregory Lo Monaco, Patrick Rateau, Jean-Bruno Renard, Jean-Marie Seca, Isobel Stewart, and Rafael P. Wolter.



**European PhD on Social Representations and Communications: Announcement for the a.y. 2010-2011
DEADLINE: 10th May 2010**



It is with great pleasure that we inform that the [announcement for a.y. 2010-2011](#) of the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication is now available on our website. [The deadline for submitting the on-line application \(\[www.europhd.eu/Registration\]\(http://www.europhd.eu/Registration\)\) is 10th May 2010.](#) The So.Re.Com THEMatic NETWORK partners and colleagues interested in the scientific field are kindly invited to disseminate this announcement among the potential applicants and invite their best students to apply.

The European PhD on Social Representations and Communication represents a progressive educational curriculum for training early stage researchers through research in a scientific and paradigmatic field inspired by the Social Representations Theory and Communication studies. Although having a special focus on Social Psychology and media studies, it draws in a wide scientific community across continents and many disciplines dealing with social sciences and it has created a Thematic Network of Excellence approved by the European Commission (<http://www.europhd.eu/SoReComTHEMaticNETWORK>)

The European PhD, coordinated by Sapienza University of Rome, includes 17 universities in 9 European countries (AT, CH, CZ, ES, FR, IT, PT, RO, UK) 5 universities in North America (Canada), Latin America (Argentina, Brazil) and Asia (China), 1 French National Research Institute, 1 social sciences foundation (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme) and 3 SMEs in 3 EU countries (IE, IT, SE). In its role as co-ordinator diplomas are issued by Sapienza University with the signature of the rectors/presidents of the six universities which jointly confer the degree: University of Rome Sapienza (ITALY), University of Aix-en-Provence, the University of Montpellier III "Paul Valéry" and University "Lumière" Lyon 2 (FRANCE), University A. I. Cuza of Iasi (ROMANIA), and Masaryk University, Brno (CZECH REPUBLIC).

The Research Trainees have then access to a large number of academic infrastructures and are followed by 1 main supervisor and 2 international co-tutors in at least 3 of the above mentioned countries. Moreover, at the European PhD Multimedia Lab and Research Centre in Rome they will participate in innovative scientific and didactic activities like the International Lab Meetings and Summer Schools using technologically advanced resources.



Submission of FP7-PEOPLE-ITN project So.Re.Com.THE.NET. EuroPhD

On 21st December 2009 we have submitted the project "European PhD and Thematic Network on Social Representations and Communication: doctoral and postdoctoral training in a networked international research environment" within the FP7-PEOPLE-ITN programme. You will find hereunder the project's abstract:

"Built on the experience of both the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication, awarding a recognised joint degree since 1996 (<http://www.europhd.eu>), and the EU approved So.Re.Com. THEMatic NETWORK, this international research training consortium includes 11 universities, 1 private company and 1 public research institute in 8 European countries (AT, CH, CZ, ES, FR, IE, IT, RO) as Full Partners; 6 universities in Europe, Canada, Latin America, China and 1 private company in Sweden as Associate Partners. The goal is to provide doctoral training in Social Representations and Communication, a supra-disciplinary research area of the social sciences that studies the social construction of everyday knowledge in social spheres and media. Structured into trans-national teams by common research area and complementary multi-methodological approaches, this SoReComTheNet EuroPhD guarantees a well-tested training structure including: a) an innovative integrated physical and virtual campus, where world-class academic scientists, internationally recognised experts, experienced researchers and initial research trainees cooperate face-to-face and on-line "for" and "by" research; b) multiple supervision via tutoring and co-tutoring by at least three tutors in three different countries; c) individual mobility for trainees at research centres in two different countries; d) collective international mobility of both trainees and teaching staff during International Summer Schools and Lab meetings; e) learning by doing (including transferable skills) in academic and non-academic settings; f) worldwide access to common web platform, as tool for documentation, networking, training and monitoring trainees' progress; g) high tech infrastructure and lab facilities; h) quality evaluation system; i) officialisation of the joint degree; l) active integration in the world-wide SoReCom THEMatic NETWORK; m) enhancement of career prospects both in and outside academia."



16th European Ph.D. on Social Representation Summer School:
"Social Representations and Sciences"
16th-27th JULY 2010



DEADLINE: 10th May 2010

The 2010 Edition of the International Summer Schools will be held in July 16-27 at the European Ph.D on Social Representations and Communication Research Centre and Multimedia lab. It will be focussed on ***"Social Representations and Sciences"***, a topic which is at the same time the genesis and the core of the theoretical and empirical research field launched in 1961 by Serge Moscovici.

Besides the founder of the Social Representation Theory, Serge Moscovici (E.H.E.S.S., France), and the European PhD scientific co-ordinator, Annamaria de Rosa (Sapienza University, Italy), the professors who have already confirmed their participation include: Salvatore Maria Aglioti (Sapienza University), Thémistoklès Apostolidis (Université de Provence, France), Brígido Vizeu Camargo (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil), Eloisa Cianci (University of Bergamo, Italy), Lorenzo Montali (University Milan Bicocca, Italy), Adrian Neculau (University Ali.Cuza, Iasi, Romania).

Apart from the *Key lectures* given by world-class scholars in Social Representations belonging to partner Universities of the European PhD on S.R. & C. or of the SoReCom THEmatic NETwork, there will be an intensive session focussed on a dialogue between Social, Natural and Physical Sciences, led by the Directors of the European/International Doctorates in Neurosciences and in Astrophysics and by the President of the *Italian Astro-amateurs Union U.A.I.*, Emilio Sassone Corsi. This session will be open to the participation of young research trainees enrolled in other international doctorates by Sapienza Coordination program for Joint European International Doctorates.

As the previous events the 16th edition of the International Summer School will integrate face-to-face and on-line communication. Therefore – in addition to the restricted number of the participants who will attend the event at the European PhD. on S.R. & C. Research Centre and Multi-media Lab in Rome - the participation of other selected applicants will be possible from any worldwide location via an interactive web-conference system (a specific basic and advanced training will be offered at the beginning of the event).

The International Summer School will also include:

- INTENSIVE GROUP WORKING SESSIONS on participants' research projects, with individual presentations, monitoring and feedback's given by professors and discussion;
- INTERVIEWS FOR SELECTING NEW CANDIDATES for the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. reserved to the European PhD applicants for a.y. 2010-11 (European PhD Recruitment Board). For this matter, please see the above page of this Newsletter which contains the 2010-2011 [ANNOUNCEMENT](#) and the link with the ON-LINE APPLICATION FORM.
- THESIS DEFENCE SESSION in front of the International Final Jury

More detailed information about the 2010 Summer School will be soon available on the European PhD. Web site:

<http://www.europhd.eu/IntSummerSchools>





Other Scientific Events organised by the So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETWORK Partners



5 – 8 July 2010, Gammarth, Tunisia

« REPRESENTATIONS, TRANSMISSION DES SAVOIRS ET TRANSFORMATIONS SOCIALES »

In line with the tradition established since 1992 in Ravello (Italy), Tunisia will host the 10th International Conference on Social Representations on the **5-8 July 2010** in **Gammarth**. This conference aims at the presentation of the last works using the theory founded by Serge Moscovici (1961), as well as the theoretical and methodological reflexions aiming at the development of this theory. After Ravello (Italy) in 1992, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in 1994, Aix-en-Provence (France) in 1996, Mexico City (Mexico) in 1998, Montréal (Canada) in 2000, Stirling (GB) in 2002, Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2004, Rome (Italy) in 2006 and Bali (Indonesia) in 2008, we are pleased to invite you to the 10th ICSR dedicated to the following theme: « **Representations, Knowledge Transmission and Social Transformations** ».

The theory of social representations means a change in the understanding of social behaviour and practices and represents a crossroads for the social sciences. Man does not only react to objective reality, but to a collective and socially reconstructed one. The social representations theory allows to understand the big contemporary societal questions such as the emergence of violence, discrimination, delinquency, sustainable development, unemployment, risk behaviour, mental health, HIV, the feeling of insecurity, etc. The theory also allows to understand why certain interventions toward change and prevention, and why certain campaigns for awareness-raising of information fail, despite the strategies deployed for it.

The scientific network on social representations is based on a large community of researchers and scholars from various fields of social sciences, coming from different countries and from all the continents (<http://www.europhd.eu/SoReComTHEmaticNETWORK>). The bi-Annual International conferences on Social Representations were usually held in Europe and Latin America and – since its birth it is one of the main activities of the **So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETWORK**. After the 9th ICSR in Asia, it seemed important that Africa would welcome the 10th ICSR. It is in fact necessary to enlarge it to researchers from other continents.

The 10th ICSR will be held in Gammarth, located on the seaside, 25 km from Tunis, allowing therefore to benefit from a pleasant workplace, but also from the beauty and historical interest of the surrounding area (Carthage, Sidi Bou Saïd, Marsa). As the network of social representations' network, Tunisia is historically and culturally rich and diversified.

For more information on contributions via Conferences, symposiums, workshops, thematic roundtables, free communication and poster, you can consult the conference website at:

<http://10cirs.org/>



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So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETWORK scientific community.

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