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Workshop EUA-CDE: 'Building a research environment for Doctoral Education' Wageningen, 15-16 April 2010

The EUA-CDE and the Wageningen University have organised a workshop on 'Building a research environment for Doctoral Education', that was held at Wageningen (Netherlands) on 15-16 April 2010.



There is a great deal of diversity in doctoral education in European universities. In response to the Bologna Process, many universities are upgrading their doctoral programmes to meet the growing demands from society (quality, transparency) and the labour market. European doctoral programmes need to attract the best candidates from Europe and from around the world.

What makes a doctoral programme attractive? What are good doctoral programmes? How do we define and assess the quality of a doctoral programme and its graduates, and how do we assure and measure quality improvement? The aims of the workshop were to address these questions, to exchange ideas, and to learn from best practices and from original research on quality assessment and quality improvement of doctoral programmes in and outside Europe.

The workshop's presentations are available at: <http://www.wageningenuniversity.nl/UK/research/Graduate+schools/euacde/Presentations/>

13th International Facet Theory Conference: CALL FOR PAPERS July 10-14 2011, Guiyang China

The Facet Theory Association and the Guizhou Normal University invite you to attend the 13th International Facet Theory Conference, to take place in Guiyang, China, from the 10th to the 14th of July, 2011.



Facet Theory (FT) is a meta-theory for designing structural and other theories in the behavioral sciences. Basic assumptions of FT are that social and behavioral concepts are complex constructs and that their study, therefore, requires a systematic design for defining observations and for examining the correspondence between the observations and the theory. Because such a definitional design should facilitate the evaluation of systematic relations between the data and the theory, it should lead to cumulative results. In the above sense, FT is a systematic approach for coordinating theory and research. Thus, FT comprises the universe of observations, the population of respondents, and the range of observations. It stratifies these universes by facets and integrates the design by means of a mapping sentence which guides the construction of items and the formulation of hypotheses. Finally, particular multivariate data analysis methods (such as SSA, POSAC, MSA) have been developed to test these hypotheses.

The aims of the conference are:

1. To present theoretical advances in Facet Theory, Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) and related approaches.
2. To report cases of interdisciplinary collaboration in search of structure in content spaces.
3. To review recent and innovative applications of the Facet approach in diverse fields and to illustrate the contribution of these studies to cumulative science.
4. To demonstrate methodological advances in multivariate analysis, Similarity Structure Analysis (SSA), as well as comparisons with other methodologies.

For further information please consult: <http://www.facet-theory.org>



"SoReCom EuroPhD World" Project

On April 30th, we have submitted our 6th project, entitled "Opening the SoReCom EuroPhD to the World: North America, Latin America and China", within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates actions.



Founded in 1993, the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication is a well-established EU consortium of 17 universities, 1 national research Institute, 1 social sciences foundation (*Maison des Sciences de l'Homme*) and 3 SME partners in the public and private sectors in 11 European countries (AT, CZ, FR, IE, IT, PT, RO, ES, SE, CH, UK) that awards a joint doctoral degree (<http://www.europhd.eu>). The adhesion of 5 new universities from 4 Third Countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada and China) will contribute to the internationalisation of the European PhD and strengthen the worldwide cooperation already established within the EU-approved SoReCom THEMATIC NETWORK of Excellence. The Euro PhD provides training and research opportunities in key areas of social psychology, including theoretical and multi-methodological development and the social representations of science, culture, globalization, the media, collective memory and emotions, identity, politics, family, youth communication, institutional policies, the environment, economics, advertising, marketing, health, and risk. The well-tested didactic formula and training structure of this three-year doctorate include: tutoring and co-tutoring triadic system (multiple supervision), face-to-face individual and small group mentoring activities integrated with an open learning system where tutors have on-line access for didactic purposes and to monitor trainees' progress, structured individual and collective international mobility of trainees and teaching staff (required mobility of at least 12 months for trainees at research centres in two different countries, collective mobility is achieved during International Summer Schools and Lab meetings), and learning by doing in academic and non-academic settings. The SoReCom EuroPhD World guarantees: a) mutual recognition for both the training and the joint degree in addition to institutional recognition since 1993 from the EC, universities, and ministries; b) research and transferable skills training in an international environment; c) enhanced career prospects thanks to strong partnerships; d) training process assessment; e) integrated physical and virtual international mobility for research trainees and professors; f) intensive didactic stages in multicultural and multilingual settings g) greater expansion of networking activities through the unique combination of the SoReCom THEMATIC NETWORK and the Euro PhD programme.

We thank all our partners (click [here](#) to see the composition of the partnership) again for their involvement and participation in the project, hoping for an excellent outcome of the proposal.

Papers on Social Representations Special Issue on Gerard Duveen



It is with great pleasure and feeling of nostalgia for our lost friend that we announce the publication of the Special Issue of the *Papers on Social Representations* International Journal, dedicated to "*Social Representations and Social Identities: Inspirations from Gerard Duveen*" (Volume 19, 2010. ISSN: 1021-5573).

This volume features articles from the PSR Editor Caroline Howarth and from Serge Moscovici, Sandra Jovchelovitch, Ivana Markova, Alex Gillespie & Flora Cornish, Glynis Breakwell, Barbara Lloyd, Gordon Sammut, Annelie Andersén, Brady Wagoner, and Alicia Renedo.

Free on-line access to this Special issue is available at: <http://www.psych.lse.ac.uk/psr/>

Submission of the ERASMUS IP project "European PhD I.S.S."

On March 12th, the European Ph.D. coordinator has submitted a project within the framework of the LLP / Erasmus / Intensive Programmes (IP) to the Italian National LLP Agency in Rome.

The project is entitled "**European PhD on Social Representations & Communication International Summer School**" and is aimed at ensuring the organisation of the 2011 session of International Summer Schools (16th edition) within a multi-year cycle 2010-2012.

We thank all our partners again for their involvement and participation in the project, hoping for an excellent outcome of the proposal.



**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 \(www.europhd.eu/Registration\) 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.



European PhD on Social Representations and Communications: Funding Opportunities



The University of Rome "La Sapienza" is offering twenty three year full-time postgraduate PhD positions with fellowship for attaining the degree of "Dottore di Ricerca" (PhD) in the Doctoral Schools listed in [appendix 1](#), among which Sapienza Coordination Program for Joint European/International Doctorates, including the European PhD on S. R. & C.

Each fellowship amounts to € 19.800,00 per year; this amount includes national insurance contributions (INPS) that fellowship recipients are required to pay (8,91% for 2010). The PhD Programme lasts three years and may be extended to a fourth year (without grant), subject to approval by the School authorities. At the end of the first and second year of attendance, students have to be evaluated as proficient according to the rules of the Schools. The guidelines and the application form – restricted to international candidates that are not Italian citizens nor residents – is available at: <http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati/default.php>

The deadline for submitting the application is **31 May 2010**.

We also seize the opportunity to inform you that this year, Sapienza University of Rome offers two 3-year fellowships to the two research trainees receiving the best evaluation at the end of the selection procedure for a.y. 2010-2011 of the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication.



16th-27th JULY 2010, Rome (Italy)
DEADLINE for the application: 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 coordinator, 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 A.I. Cuza de Iasi, Romania), Remo Ruffini (Sapienza University), and Emilio Sassone-Corsi (President of the Italian Astro-amateurs Union - U.A.I.).

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 belonging to Sapienza Coordination program for Joint European International Doctorates.

As in 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:

1. INTENSIVE GROUP WORKING SESSIONS on participants' research projects, with individual presentations, monitoring and feedback's given by professors and discussion;
2. INTERVIEWS FOR SELECTING NEW CANDIDATES for the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. reserved to the applicants for the a.y. 2010-11 by the European PhD Recruitment Board. Potential applicants are invited to see the 2010-2011 [ANNOUNCEMENT](#) and to fill the [ON-LINE APPLICATION FORM](#) by 10th May 2010 (same deadline of the application for the Summer School);
3. THESIS DEFENSE SESSION for the European Ph.D. candidates in front of the International Final Jury

The EC approved project will allow us to fund the participation of 20 participants. In order to be eligible, the participants:

1. must be registered in one of the [participating institutions](#)
2. shall be a national of a [participating country in LLP](#) or nationals of other countries, provided that they are either permanent residents according to national legislation, or registered as stateless persons or hold refugee status in a country participating in the programme

Priority will be given to the European PhD research trainees eligible to get funds on this contract, as well as to candidates who will apply for the a.y. 2010-2011 European PhD on Social Representations and who will be admitted to the interview with the European PhD Recruitment Board for their final admission during the Summer School.

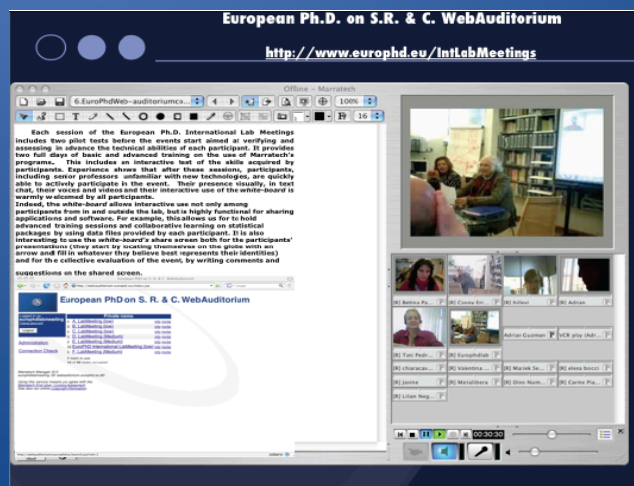
In addition, in accordance with the contractual agreements, we will admit a restricted number of participants as self-paying or supported by their own partner Universities.

More detailed information about the 2010 International Summer School, the eligibility criteria for funding and on-line application form are available on the European Ph.D. Web site:

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



The European Ph.D. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab





Invitation Letter of Dr. Marek Wosinski, Facilitator of UCP-SARnet

You are kindly invited to re-visit the currently upgraded [website](#) of the University-Community Partnership for Social Action Research Network (UCP-SARnet). During the last year, the network has made significant progress by increasing membership to around 900 members from 61 countries, initiating collaboration with several universities and community organizations in India and China, organizing a virtual meeting titled, "Bridging the World," with participation of community organizations from 16 countries, and by developing professional development training workshops for community leaders (they will be offered internationally in Fall 2010). The network is also present on various social networks like Facebook, Taking It Global, Ning, Twitter, YouTube and Live Journal.

This year, UCP-SARnet is planning to expand [knowledge partnerships](#) with globally involved organizations having missions and programs congruent with the [mission of UCP-SARnet](#). The network also invites community organizations involved in the realization of UN Millennium Development Goals to register at UCP-SARnet as [organizational members](#). We would be grateful for your assistance in connecting us with organizations that, in your opinion, would be interested in collaborating with our network.

We also invite collaboration on two projects that we are promoting this year: (1) Virtual meeting, "Bridging the World," and Gandhi College of Social Work.

1. Virtual Meeting. The event will take place on May 25 – 26, 2010 as a successful conclusion to the [World Academy for the Future of Women](#), a program created by SIAS International University in China in collaboration with UCP-SARnet.

The World Academy is a bold and rigorous leadership training program for 100 female students committed to acquiring skills and confidence to develop as campus, community, national, or global leaders. The year-long certification program engages participants in discovering their purpose and passion in life and also inspires, informs, and instructs them to find their individual paths to success. Through dialogue, interactive activities, and curriculum facilitated by 10 successful business women from the USA, participants have been prepared for leadership roles in the new economy as global citizens.

We would like to close this program with a multicultural dialog about the battle for gender equality and women's contributions to the community at-large in different cultural, social, and political contexts. Therefore we would be extremely grateful for your contacting us if you feel that you could contribute to this dialog by sharing your experiences in this area. Please read attached invitation and if you are interested in participating in this meeting, please e-mail the attached application form to ucpsarnet@gmail.com.

2. Gandhi College of Social Work. We are looking for faculty members, graduate, and undergraduate students who would be interested in participating in another project promoted by UCP-SARnet: building the [Gandhi College of Social Work](#) in Bihar, India. The goal of the project is to create a workable and replicable innovative institution of higher education producing social workers that will not only provide students with adequate theoretical knowledge, but also with a community based in-service training that is aimed at changing the community itself. The project is coordinated by the AASRA Charitable Trust, and built with the support of the local community, local government, and the School of Social Work at the Indira Gandhi National Open University.

UCP-SARnet is helping to provide international support for this initiative, as well as to organize an international team that would be willing to be a part of a participatory research project on the development and impact of this college. Our plan is to enroll the first class of students as soon as August 2010. At this point we are looking for faculty members who would be interested in participating in this research project, serve as consultants on the development of the curriculum and in-service part of the program, or in teaching there for a certain amount of time. We are also looking for graduate and undergraduate students interested in coming to Bihar as volunteers and help with the implementation of this project. If you are interested in any form of participation, please contact Birendra Kumar (UCP-SARnet's Regional Coordinator for Asia) at birsoni@gmail.com.

Of course we are always welcome new members, so please [Contact Us](#) if you are interested in joining our emerging global community.

Regards,

Marek Wosinski
Facilitator of UCP-SARnet

All So.Re.Com.THEmatic NETwork partners are kindly invited to post information concerning editorial news, launching of new projects, call for partnerships and events of general interest to the participants in the European Ph.D. programme and the wider
So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETWORK scientific community.

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