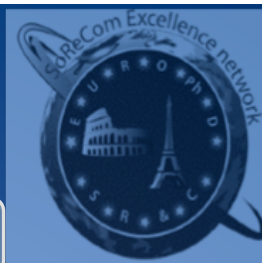




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and the team of the  
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wish you

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

and

**Happy New Year 2013 !**





## Institutional News:

- the new **"home-place"** of the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication Research Centre and Multimedia Lab in Rome.

Our joint program has a **new "home-place"** located in the monumental complex S. Alessio in Piazza Cavalieri di Malta 2, at the top of the panoramic hill Aventino in the very hearth of Rome.

Huge efforts have been made in order to limit the destabilising effects of the concurrent change of the European PhD offices from the past location in Piazza d'Ara Coeli, 1 to the new headquarters, ensuring at the same time the continuity of important activities such as the 2012 International Summer School and the daily research training running at the lab.

Below some snapshots of the new infrastructure during the pre-inaugural party held on December 11 with the participation of the doctoral trainees currently present at Sapienza as host institution and some members of the Sapienza teaching staff from the Faculty of Medicine and Psychology and from the Faculty of Political Sciences, Sociology and Communication

All professors and researchers belonging to our joint program, the doctoral trainees enrolled in the European PhD, and the partners of the world-wide SoReCom THEmatic NETwork are very welcome to visit our new lab.







## Institutional News:

### Significant change of roles within the Executive Committee

Following several meetings held in 2012 (including two meetings of the Executive Committee in London, March 22-23 and in Paris, May 22), and upon consultation of the members of the European Scientific Board in Evora (Pt) during the *11th International Conference on Social Representations*, the members of the Core Executive Committee have again gathered in Paris on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012, followed by other interactive web-meetings via Skype (on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November). The main goal was to identify solutions and take decisions in order to regain autonomy of the *European PhD on Social Representation and Communication* as joint networked international doctorate and to ensure its long term continuity, overcoming some of the following difficulties :

- Forced integration since a.y. 2011-2012 in the local doctorate of Social Psychology, including 4 curricula based on former 4 autonomous doctorates of different nature, with all the contradictions that derive from the incompatibility between the procedures foreseen by Sapienza University for local doctorates (that follow the directives of the Italian Ministry for Education) and those established in the European PhD inter-institutional agreements signed by the Rectors of the partner universities whose validity and autonomy are still foreseen by Sapienza University regulations and by the Italian Ministry given their international nature;
- New forced integration since a.y. 2012-2013 (imposed by Sapienza Doctoral Commission) within the department's new unified doctorate "Social Psychology of Development and Educational Research". This will certainly imply further difficulties linked to the heterogeneous nature of the curricula and to the incompatibility of regulations between local and international doctorates;
- Lack of financial resources due to non-funding of the European proposals submitted in 2011-12 despite the excellent evaluation received and their selection within the short list of projects both by ITN-PEOPLE and Erasmus Mundus programs. Furthermore the proposal for the next cycle of International Summer Schools within Erasmus IP action was not evaluated, because of the decision by the EC to exclude the proposals that had already received funding in previous cycles (our IP projects was funded consecutively since 1995). For this latter case, following advises from the International Relations Office we have decided to shift the project to another partner institution, for its submission to the Erasmus National Agency of another country;
- Voluntary departure by the end of December 2012 of the collaborator dr. Robert Barakat due to lack of funds. Since 2013, he will be still available to work on ad hoc tasks (website update and management of technical aspects, like web-video-conferences, etc.). This implies a less expensive remuneration than a full time contract and is more compatible with the current financial situation.

Considering the situation, in order to ensure sustainability of our European PhD in a long-term perspective, the members of the Executive Committee have decided at the unanimity to proceed to a change of roles within the Executive Committee. In particular, starting from the a.y. 2013-2014:

- the function of **Coordinator** will pass from Annamaria de Rosa (Sapienza University, Italy) to Nikos Kalampalikis (Lyon 2 University, France). Consequently, the coordination for the scientific and administrative management of the doctoral programme will be assumed by the University of Lyon 2 being understood that all the regulations foreseen in the Inter-Institutional Agreements are still in force.
- Annamaria de Rosa will assume the function of **Programme Director** while Serge Moscovici will continue to play his leading role as the **Honorary Programme Director**.

During the a.y. 2012-2013 the current scientific coordinator (prof. Annamaria de Rosa) will ensure assistance aimed at the effective transfer of functions and expertise to the new coordinator.

Since 2013/14 she will continue to scientifically lead the European PhD as **Program Director** together with Serge Moscovici as **Honorary Program Director**, and in strong co-operation with the new **Program Coordinator** Nikos Kalampalikis, presiding at meetings of the Core Executive Committee and the Scientific Supervisory Board.

In case of approval of the 2013 *FP7-People-ITN SoReComJointIDP*, submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 by Sapienza University as lead Institution, Annamaria de Rosa will be responsible for the contract management, realizing the planned activity in strong cooperation with the Associated Partners and in particular with the new coordinating Institution of the European PhD University of Lyon2.

In particular relevant training activities, like the European PhD International Summer School and Spring Session of the International Lab meeting will be organized – since 2013 – by the new coordinating Institution also exploring the commitment of other partner Institutions on a rotational basis.

In order to ensure its long term continuity, the project for the new cycle of the International Summer School will be resubmitted by the new coordinating University Lyon 2, while Annamaria de Rosa will continue to organise the Winter Session of the International Lab Meeting dedicated to the Meta-Theoretical Analysis of the Social Representation Literature at Sapienza University.



# Institutional News:

- **submission of FP7-PEOPLE-ITN project *SoReComJointIDP*, also including new academic partners from USA (CUNY, New York) and Mexico (UAM, Mexico City)**

On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 the European PhD Coordinator has submitted within the FP7-PEOPLE-ITN programme the project

*"The European Joint Doctorate on Social Representations and Communication: an innovative doctoral program in a networked international research training environment"*.

Below 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 joint doctoral programme includes 11 universities, 2 private companies and 1 public research institute in 8 European countries (AT, CH, CZ, ES, FR, IT, RO, SE), and 6 universities in United States (CUNY, New York), Canada (University of Ottawa), Mexico (UAM, Mexico City), Brazil (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis ), Argentina (Belgrano University, Buenos Aires) and China (Nankai University).*

*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, disseminating European excellence beyond the EU boundaries and attracting the best ESR from abroad.*

*Structured into trans-national teams by common research area and complementary multi-methodological approaches, this SoReComJointIDP guarantees a well-tested training structure including:*

- a) an innovative integrated physical and virtual campus, where world-class academic scientists, internationally recognized experts, experienced researchers and ESR 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 different countries;*
- c) individual mobility for ESR at research centres for secondments;*
- d) collective international mobility of 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;*
- j) active integration in the world-wide SoReCom THEmatic NETwork;*
- k) enhancement of career prospects both in and outside academia."*

*We really hope that – following the excellent evaluation received in the 2012 call (90.80, well above the 70/100 threshold) – this 2013 proposal will not only be included in the short list but will also be funded. Last year, only 6 proposals have been funded within the IDP scheme, of which none in the field of Social Sciences.*





## **Forthcoming Training Event (January 14-15, 2013): 2013 Winter Session of the European PhD on S. R. & C. International Lab Meeting**

Continuing the series of International Lab Meetings, the director of the European Ph.D. on Social Representations and Communication Research Centre and Multimedia Lab will organize the 2013 Winter Session focused on the

**“Meta-Theoretical Analysis of the Social Representations Literature and Advanced Training in Complementary Transferable Skills (writing skills and publishing strategies) ”.**

The first day (14<sup>th</sup> January 2013) of the Winter Session of the International Lab Meeting will be reserved to the European PhD Research Trainees.

Coherently with our program's training structure, it will be focused on

**“Meta-theoretical analysis of the Social Representations literature”**, providing its state of art and basic guidelines to the European Ph.D. Research trainees, also discussing some exemplary cases of meta-theoretical analysis carried out by some of them enrolled in the 2nd and 3rd year.

The second day (15<sup>th</sup> January 2013) of the event will be open to world-wide participants linked via interactive web-auditorium - upon registration - and foresees a seminar given by **Fabio, Lucidi** (coordinator of the unified doctorate in Social Psychology of Development and Educational Research, **to be confirmed**), **Bruno Mazzara**, **Mauro Sarrica** and **Annamaria de Rosa** on the topic **“Writing skills and publishing policies: increasing the odds of getting published in the current scenario ”**.

The intensive seminar will be open to an interactive discussion with the participants, aimed at exchanging their experiences and improving their chance in publishing scientific articles in peer reviewed journals.

**Technical Information:** The event will be implemented on-line with the support of Marratech Pro, a very powerful distance-learning web auditorium installed on the server of the European PhD Lab. The **audience** will consist of two different groups of participants:

- one group will participate physically in the meeting from the Multimedia Lab in Rome - reserved to the European PhD research trainees;
- another group will be connected from various countries worldwide.

Both groups will join in the interactive learning process through the "European PhD Web Auditorium". Participants can take part in the event from their Institution or from home as they prefer, choosing the fastest connection available. The only equipment that they need is a Web cam and a Headset.

**Target:** doctoral research trainees (not exclusively enrolled in the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication), early stage researchers, post-graduates interested in pursuing scientific career in social sciences.

**Funding:** Participants enrolled in the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication are covered for the registration fee, given the International Lab Meeting is a compulsory and integral part of their training. Other participants can be admitted to the session on Transferable Skills (the participation includes access to scientific and didactic materials and technical assistance for online participants). A certificate of attendance with credits will be delivered to all participants.

The **application form** is available on: <http://www.europhd.eu/Registration>

The **deadline** for applying is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Applicants are invited to secure their places with early registration.



# EDITORIAL NEWS



We are pleased to announce the publication in Italy of the book :

***“Cinquant'anni di Rappresentazioni Sociali. Bilanci e prospettive di una Teoria in continuo divenire”***,

edited by Ida Galli  
Milano: Edizioni Unicopli.

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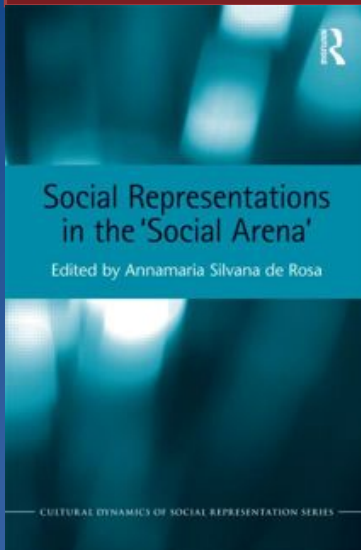
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# EDITORIAL NEWS



The recently published book "***Social Representations in the Social Arena***", edited by Annamaria de Rosa (Routledge, 2013), presents key theoretical issues and extensive empirical research using different theoretical and methodological approaches to consider the value of social representation theory when social representations are examined in real world contexts.

This comprehensive text brings together international experts to explore the relevance of a variety of applications of social representation theory in both institutional and organizational settings, and discusses how social representation theory compares with other constructs of social psychology. Areas covered include: justice – leadership – health and mental illness – intergroup relations – identity – politics - environment and tourism – economics. This book will appeal to a range of academic researchers and practitioners from a variety of fields who are concerned with the application of social representation theory to various contexts as a heuristic tool for addressing and understanding relevant societal issues faced with 'social demand'.

(ISBN: 978-0-415-59119-5, pages: 416, price: \$ 170).

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