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Professor Rob Farr, 1935-2013

The Department of Social Psychology is very sad to announce the death of Emeritus Professor Rob Farr, on Friday the 11 October 2013. Rob Farr joined the LSE in 1983 as Professor of Social Psychology and was instrumental in building up the Department of Social Psychology, founded by Hilde Himmelweit. He was internationally known as a specialist on the history of social psychology and particularly well-known for bridging psychological and



sociological forms of social psychology - a separation he deplored. His work bridging these traditions produced novel perspectives on concepts at the heart of the discipline: the social self, social attitudes, attribution theory, ideology as well as on the role of laboratory experiments in the development of psychological theory. Much of this was enabled by his scholarly reading and insightful interpretations of George Herbert Mead, Erving Goffman and Gustav Ichheiser. In particular, his work played a very significant role in advancing the reception and elaboration of the concept of social representations for the English-speaking world.

Rob Farr's intellectual outlook was interdisciplinary and truly international. He was acutely aware of how parochial psychology often is and dedicated himself to building bridges and awareness of psychological work conducted by colleagues from the former Eastern European countries, India, China and Latin America. He was an inspiration for a large number of psychologists around the globe who shared his sharp critique for the de-socialisation of the behavioural sciences. One of his central empirical contributions was to demonstrate that individualism has become the collective representation of the Western world as is outlined in one of his now-classic texts: 'The Roots of Modern Social Psychology' (Blackwell, 1996). Other important works include: Representations of Health, Illness and Handicap (with I. Marková, Harwood Academic Publishers, 1995) and Social Representations, (with S Moscovici, Cambridge University Press, 1984).



Rob Farr was a wonderful teacher and supervisor, a kind, warm and generous man, who always had time to give to the many generations of students who came to the LSE in search of a kind of psychology that is relevant to society. As a colleague he will be remembered by his collegiality, support of young colleagues and his uncompromising scholarship.

(Retrieved on 29/10/2013 from http://www.lse.ac.uk/socialPsychology/Professor-Rob-Farr.aspx)







So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP Institutional News

So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP: activity report for month 1 (October 2013)

As foreseen by the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP timeline (http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/05.01.00.00.shtml) the following activities have been realized and implemented during the month of October 2013:

- Organization of the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP kick-off meeting in Rome (4 October 2013). The agenda
 of the meeting covered:
 - a) Presentation of So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP goals and mission by the co-ordinator
 - b) Presentation of the project key elements (foreseen activities, outputs, administrative rules)
 - c) Presentation of the Recruitment Policy of the 13 Early Stage Researchers
 - d) Information about research topics published in the announcement
 - e) Information about the 10 foreseen scientific events
 - f) Information regarding each ESR 3-month secondment period
- 2. Meetings in Paris of the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP Scientific Co-ordinator and the Honorary Program Director of the European/International Joint PhD in Social Representations and Communication, Serge Moscovici (23rd and 27th October 2013)
- 3. Meeting in Paris between the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP Scientific Co-ordinator and the representative of the associate partner IFSTTAR (24th October 2013)
- 4. Implementation of the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP website (http://www.europhd.eu/SoReComJointIDP)
- 5. Publication of the call for fellowships on the project website (http://www.europhd.eu/html/ _onda01/10/06.05.00.00.shtml)
- Publication of the call for fellowships on the Euraxess portal (http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/ index.cfm/iobs/fgDetails/61146)
- 7. Dissemination of the call for fellowships through the associated partners website
- 8. Dissemination of the call for fellowships through the SoReCom.THE.NET.@-NEWS
- 9. Day-to-day management (correspondence with partners, website updates, etc.)

The forthcoming activities include:

- 1. Dissemination of the call for fellowships during international conferences
- 2. Dissemination of the call for fellowships through partner networks
- 3. Participation to the Coordinators briefing in Brussels scheduled on 15 November 2013
- 4. Preparation of all administrative and logistic aspects related to the recruitment of the 13 ESR















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So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP call for fellowships

The So.Re.Com. Joint - Innovative Doctoral Program is the best evaluated (with the highest mark 98,8/100 marks) among the 1147 projects submitted within the 2013 People-ITN call and is coordinated by Sapienza University of Rome. In its role as mono-contractor Institution, Sapienza University is issuing a call for 13 fellowships within the framework of the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP project for Early Stage Researchers.

Built on the experience of both the European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. awarding a recognized joint degree since 1996, and the EU approved So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETwork, this international joint doctoral programme includes 8 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, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and China. 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 transnational teams by common research area and complementary multi-methodological approaches, this So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP guarantees a well-tested training structure including:

- an innovative integrated physical and virtual campus, where world-class academic scientists, internationally recognised experts, experienced researchers and ESR cooperate face-to face and online "for" and "by" research:
- multiple supervision via tutoring and co-tutoring by at least three tutors in different countries; b.
- individual mobility for ESR at research centres for secondments; C.
- collective international mobility of trainees and teaching staff during International Summer Schools and Lab meetings;
- learning by doing (including transferable skills) in academic and non-academic settings; e.
- worldwide access to common web platform, as tool for documentation, networking, training and monitoring trainees' progress:
- high tech infrastructure and lab facilities: g.
- quality evaluation system: h.
- officialisation of the joint degree;
- active integration in the world-wide SoReComTHEmatic NETwork;
- enhancement of career prospects both in and outside academia. k.

Selected applicants will be enrolled in the European/International Joint PhD in Social Representations and Communication to participate in an on-going project led since 20 years by the director of the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication Research Centre and Multimedia Lab who has designed specific webtools (including the on-line grid for the meta-theoretical analysis and the related web-inventories) for the purpose of conducting an empirical meta-theoretical analysis of the literature on Social Representations. The specific project aim is to take stock of the scientific field developed in more than 50 years by conducting an empirical metatheoretical analysis of the literature on Social Representations, mapping its development, the related research methods, the thematic areas and their impact on the various applied fields within the multi-generational community of scientists and across different geo-cultural contexts.

All necessary information can be found on the So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP website: http://www.europhd.eu/ **SoReComJointIDP**. In particular you can consult:

The project objectives: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/03.00.00.00.shtml

The research framework: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/03.02.00.00.shtml

The call for fellowships (including the amount): http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/06.05.00.00.shtml

The eligibility criteria: http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/06.01.00.00.shtml

The deadline to apply is the 31 March 2014. You can apply by sending the application form and the requested documents (http://www.europhd.eu/html/_onda01/10/06.03.00.00.shtml) by email to the project scientific coordinator: annamaria.derosa@uniroma1.it







European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. Training Events



European/International Joint PhD in SR & C Intensive Training Session 2nd-4th OCTOBER 2013, Rome (Italy)



Given the combination of the launching of the new People 2013 So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP project won by the European/International Joint PhD in Social Representations and Communication and the doctorate's traditional activities (Final Jury, Lab Meeting and Recruitment Board), this year's Summer School was transformed in a shorter, but intensive European/International Joint PhD Octoberfest held in the magnificent new location at the top of the Aventino Hill.

The **programme of the event** was the following:

Wednesday October 2, 2013: European/International Joint PhD Final Jury 2013

Tuesday October 3, 2013:

- 1. Morning session. Three Key lectures by:
 - a. prof. Radim Marada (Masaryk University, Czech Republic): "*Urban Memory: anchoring the past in material objects*"
 - b. prof. Lilian Negura (University of Ottawa, Canada) "Investigating Social representations through Content analysis of multiple qualitative sources (interview, texts, focus-groups, etc.)"
 - c. Prof. Annamaria de Rosa (Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy) and Prof. Andrei Holman (University Al Cuza of Iasi, Romania): "Beauty and aesthetic surgery: cross-cultural patterns of social representation and practice"
- 2. Afternoon session:
 - a. Selection of candidates for a.y. 2013-2014 restricted to the European PhD Recruitment Board and the candidates admitted to the selection

Friday 4 October 2013:

- 1. Morning session:
 - a. Special meeting between representatives from Sapienza and Ottawa universities
 - b. Ceremony for delivering Joint Diploma and So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP inaugural party
- 2. Afternoon session: PEOPLE ITN 2013 contract kick-off meeting, with the presentation of the SoReCom Joint IDP training activities planned in the period 2014-2017 and inaugural party











Upcoming International Conferences and International Visiting Exchanges

12th International Conference on Social Representations *The contemporaneity Challenges*São Paulo (Brazil), July 20 – 23, 2014

Following the great success of the eleven International Conferences on Social Representations (ICSR) held until now, we are pleased to announce that the next 12th ICSR will be organised in Brazil by the Centro Internacional de Estudos em Representações Sociais e Subjetividade – Educação and by the Fundação Carlos Chagas.

The conference will be held in Sao Paulo from the 20th until the 23rd July 2013.

Further information about the event will soon be available on the website:

http://cirs2014.fcc.org.br/

