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Annual Conference *Conflict in Identities, Identities in Conflict*

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The Masaryk University's Department of Sociology and its Center for Cultural Sociology would like to inform all partner universities about an annual conference *Conflict in Identities, Identities in Conflict*, held yearly at the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, every third weekend of October. The aim of the conference is to discuss the concept of identity in a broad variety of contexts (for example, nationality, religion, ethnicity, gender, generations, and class, and also memory, social rituals, everyday encounters, the arts, consumption, etc.), and to test the concept's analytical power and limitations.

This year, the ninth round of the conference has been held on October 16-17, and has hosted well established as well as young scholars from universities of four Continents. Over the years, it has acquired international reputation for its time-generous workshop-like arrangement (60 minutes for each paper), flexible format, and intellectually stimulating atmosphere. It brings together scholars from different fields of social sciences – sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, cultural studies, history, philosophy, etc. – and thus provides a multidisciplinary forum for critical examination of the analytical value and use of the concepts of social and cultural representations, among other related topics. Each year, two or three places – out of twelve maximum – are reserved for PhD research trainees.

More information about the conference's format and history are available at the following website:
<http://soc.fss.muni.cz/conference/index.php>

This announcement is particularly relevant for the years to come, as we encourage our European PhD research trainees from partner universities to apply for the next editions.

Editorial News



We are delighted to announce the publication on the October 22, 2009 of the book *"Paradigmi delle rappresentazioni sociali"*, edited by Augusto Palmonari and Francesca Emiliani (Il Mulino, ISBN 978-88-15-13256-7).

The book illustrates the basics of the social representations theory, from Serge Moscovici's pioneer studies to the development of the current paradigmatic theories which provide social psychology with new heuristic instruments. The book features chapters by A.M. de Oliveira Almeida and W. Doise, J. Jesuino, J.C. Abric and E. Tafani, I. Markova, and D. Jodelet.



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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