Round Table 2 of the EU-Asia Higher Education Platform

Round Table 2 of the EAHEP on "Regional Higher Education Cooperation in the Next Decade: The Bologna Process and Europe-Asia dialogue" was held in Brussels on the 1-3 July 2009.

EAHEP is a European Union sponsored initiative to promote cooperation in higher education between Asian and European countries, that is being implemented by the European University Association (EUA), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic). As higher education turns out to be increasingly international and globally interlinked, the Global Dimension Strategy of the European Higher Education Area is reaching out to partners around the world. While the Bologna Process is an intra-European project, it is of interest for Asia for several reasons. Indeed, the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) stretches from Ireland to Russia. The latter makes it a neighbor of some Asian countries. In addition, practically all higher education and research partners that Asia has in Europe participate in the Bologna Process, and have been undergoing and continue to undergo system changes due to the joint European reform agenda. Therefore it is essential for Asia to know what important reform developments Europe is undergoing. It is also essential for Europe to better understand the evolving higher education landscape in Asia.

The Round Table (http://www.eahep.org/web/index.php/events/roundtables/bologna-and-asia.html) was an excellent opportunity for information exchange, joint reflection and discussion on European and Asian higher education development trends. Following on the EAHEP rationale, the Round Table was aimed at enhancing higher education and research relations between Asia and Europe both at institutional cooperation and exchange levels, but also through developing the policy dialogue within and between the two regions. It was an occasion for analyzing the outcomes of recent events such as the Bologna Global Policy Forum and the ASEM Education Ministers Meeting, and contribute to setting future agendas.

Due to the recent opening of the European PhD on S.R. & C. to institutional co-operation with Asia and the inter-institutional agreements signed with two Universities in China, the Scientific Co-ordinator, prof. Annamaria de Rosa, has attended also this meeting, as the previous one organized in Beijing in December 2008.

Editorial News

It is with great pleasure that we announce the book “Pensamento mítico e representações sociais”, edited by Eugênia C. Paredes and Denise Jodelet, has been published in 2009 by EdUMFT (Brazil) within the collection “Coleção Educação e Psicologia” (ISBN 978-85-327-0319-4).

The book includes:
- a preface by Serge Moscovici
- an introduction by Denise Jodelet
- chapters by Denise Jodelet, Nikos Kalampalikis, Annamaria Silvana de Rosa, Carmen Junqueira and Eugênia Coelho Paredes.
- Postface by Eugênia Coelho Paredes
The 15th Edition of the International Summer School will be held from the 23rd to the 30th of August 2009 at the European PhD on S.R. & C. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab (Rome – Italy), in combination with worldwide on-line connection points via the interactive video-conference system European Ph.D. web Auditorium.

The event – organised by the European Ph.D. scientific coordinator Annamaria de Rosa - will be focussed on “Cultural and cross-cultural approaches to social representations: the implications of the globalised/localised cultural scenarios”. The invited lecturers from 7 countries Aleksandra Borkowska (Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland), Paszkal Kiss (Eotvos Lorand University, Hungary), James Liu (University of Wellington, New-Zealand), Dario Paez (University of Basque Country, Spain) and Jean-Marie Séca (Université de Versailles, France) have already confirmed their participation.

49 researchers from 21 worldwide countries (Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Tunisia, Ukraine and Venezuela) have been admitted to this 15th Edition of the European Ph.D. International Summer School. All information about the event can be found on the European PhD on S.R. & C. website at:

http://www.europhd.eu/IntSummerSchools
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 reflections 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 hold 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 Said, Marsa). As the network of social representations’ network, Tunisia is historically and culturally rich and diversified.

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