

ENGLISH CV OF GILDA SENSALES

Currently Gilda Sensales is confirmed Associate Professor – Disciplinary sector M-PSI/05 (Social Psychology) – at the Faculty of Medicine and Psychology of the University of Rome “Sapienza”.

Teaching at the Faculty of Medicine and Psychology, “Sapienza” University of Rome

From 2010-2011 until now, she lectured in “Political Psychology” and in “Social Psychology”.

Participation in PhD activities

She was member of the Board of Professors of the PhD courses in Social Psychology at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” from 2004 to 2011, and she supervised of one PhD candidate. Since 2005, she supervised one doctoral candidate of the Euro PhD in Social Representations and Communication.

In September 2005, she was designated by the Academic Board of the PhD in Social Psychology “La Sapienza” as a member of the the Examining Board for the admission to the XXI cycle of this PhD.

In December 2005, she was a member of the Committee designed to confer the PhD for the XVIII PhD cycle in “Pro-sociality, innovation and collective efficacy in organizational and educational contexts”.

From 2012 to 2017, she was a member of the Teaching Board of the Doctorate in Social Psychology, of Developmental and Educational research, curricula of “Environmental Psychology” and of “Experimental Social Psychology”.

In September 2013, she was President of the Examining Board for the admission to the nineteenth cycle of the PhD in Social, Developmental Psychology and Educational Research at the Sapienza University of Rome.

Membership of national and international scientific associations

She is full member of the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology, of the International Society of Political Psychology, and of the “Social Psychology” section of the AIP (Associazione Italiana di Psicologia - Italian Association of Psychology). Moreover, she belongs to the International network on Social representation and to the International Network of Critical Psychology.

Since 2000, Professor Sensales has established a close-knit network of collaborations with several Italian and foreign scholars. This is visible in the publication of miscellaneous works and monographs on national (“Rassegna di Psicologia” [Review of Psychology] and “Rivista di Psicolinguistica Applicata” [Journal of Applied Psycholinguistic]) and international (“Critical Psychology”) journals edited by Prof. Sensales herself. These publications include the original contributions of some of the most important social psychologists (such as, William McGuire, Arie Kruglanski, John T. Jost, Angela Arruda, Maria Banchs, Anne Maass, Elisa Merkel, Piero Amerio, Eraldo De Grada).

Over the last few years, this scientific network has been highly productive, and published two collective books of political psychology in Italy. The first book was edited in collaboration with prof. Marino Bonaiuto, and concerns the mediatization processes of politics. The second book, which was edited in collaboration with Prof. Patrizia Catellani, was the first Italian Handbook of political psychology, bringing together the principal Italian scholars of the field.

Activities of reviewer

She has refereed:

- articles published on the following journals:

Rassegna di Psicologia, Ricerche di Psicologia, Psicologia dell’Educazione e della Formazione, Psicologia Sociale, Bulletin de Psychologie, Annual Review of Critical Psychology, Journal of Social and Political Psychology.

- “University Research Projects” at the University of Padua, in the academic years 2002 and 2005.

Editorial committees

- From September 2007 to October 2012 she was part of the international editorial advisory board of the “Subjectivity. International Journal of Critical Psychology”.
- From May 2007 to December 2013 she was member of the editorial board of “Rassegna di Psicologia”.
- For the term 2012-beginning 2014 she is in the team of Associate Directors of “Les Cahiers Internationaux de Psychologie Sociale”.
- Currently she is in the international editorial advisory board of the “Journal of Social and Political Psychology”.

Research activity

Professor Sensales’ scientific activity has started from historical-theoretical interests related to the historiographical and theoretical-critical debate concerning our discipline, and to the emergence of Social Psychology in Italy. In this regard, she carried out historical surveys to identify some of the forerunning scholars of Social Psychology in Italy, and illustrate the evolution of some key-concepts in the national and international scientific communication. In some cases, her activity in this field appears as an original and innovative review, which combines the logic of both narrative and quantitative methods. Through the statistical analysis of the textual data related to the “Psychological Abstracts” or to the titles of the articles published on relevant Italian scientific-cultural and philosophical journals, it was possible to illuminate the structure and evolution of the main themes in the national and international scientific psycho-social communication.

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Moreover, the study and the research have largely expanded into Social Psychology fields, starting from the theoretical-critical perspective of the social representations (Moscovici, 1961/1976, 1983; Doise 1982). This perspective of Social Representations was developed with particular attention to the psycholinguistic turn and was applied to surveys on both lay people and journalistic communication. These have been studied by privileging triangulation models of data and theories. In the triangulation models of data, she used lexical data that are acquired through the technique of free associations to stimulus-words in the case of surveys on lay people, and through appropriate metric instruments in the case of categorical data. In the case of surveys on journalistic communication, she used lexical data referred to the words of the headlines and to content categories detected in the body of the article, and then reported in form of lemmas, whereas the categorical data reported editorial information about the article, such as the year or the type of publication.

With regards to the triangulation models of theories, she has proposed a theoretical hybridation between critical and mainstream traditions. This hybridation concerned several theoretical constructs relating not only to the critical tradition of social representations, which is always considered in a superordinate relation with respect to the other constructs, but also to psycho-social, socio-cognitive, personality, and psycho-linguistic constructs such as: Political Ideology, Need for Closure, Big Fives, Authoritarian Personality, Linguistic Category Model, and Ambivalent Sexism. Using this approach, she examined the representations of: computer-information-technology, Marxism, environment, politics and elections, political and electoral communication, social and political movements, terrorism, women/men political leaders related to gender differences and stereotypes, and linguistic sexism. For this last topics the representations were explored both through interviews to naïve subjects, and through the analysis of mass media and parliamentary speeches.

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