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Oggetto:

Relazione sullo svolgimento dei due interventi orali presentati al Congresso Europeo di Psicologia tenutosi in data 4-8 Luglio 2011 a Istanbul, Turchia.

La partecipazione della sottoscritta al Congresso Europeo di Psicologia, ha visto la presentazione di due interventi orali dei quali vengono forniti gli abstract di seguito.

Entrambi sono stati collocati in sessioni tematiche in due giornate distinte. Il primo contributo e' stato presentato nella mattinata di mercoledì 6 luglio, mentre il secondo nella sessione pomeridiana del giorno 7 luglio.

In entrambi i casi e' stato possibile avere un interessante confronto sia con i membri della sessione tematica, sia con i partecipanti presenti nelle due sessioni. Inoltre, il congresso si e' configurato come l'occasione per attivare contatti con colleghi e docenti che lavorano su temi di interesse della sottoscritta in ambito europeo.

Primo contributo orale:

Doing research as "political activity":
the issue of situated research in social psychology
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Abstract

This contribution is aimed at activating a confrontation on the issue of situated research in the field of social psychology. Doing a "situated" research can be intended as a "political activity" in that researchers follow ideological orientations (theories) and

perform social actions (methodological choices) aimed at producing social change (result interpretation and diffusion).

Starting from the idea that research should be considered as a reflexive and dialogic process in which theoretical principles are strictly connected with methodological choices, we will discuss three main issues: a) the need of instruments for collecting and analyzing data which permit to grasp interactional dynamics; b) the preference for an emic or internal perspective vs. an ethic or external one; c) the awareness of researchers' role during the research process (reflexivity). Each point will be illustrated with reference to some empirical data collected in a three-year research project carried out with 40 Italian families.

Secondo contributo orale:

Challenging and justifying, complying and resisting:

The power negotiation in family conversations

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Abstract

Power is an underlying dimension of every family relation and of virtually every family activity (Jory, Freeborn & Greer, 1997).

In this contribution we analyze power dynamics in families taking a process-oriented perspective. More specifically, we observed how family members shape and re-shape their reciprocal positions during ongoing confrontation in their everyday conversations.

Forty Italian families with at least one adolescent child participated in the study. They were videotaped during a family interview in their homes. The data analysis was based on the identification of the stancetaking process, activated during spontaneous sequences of interactional exchanges that were performed by the participants during the interview.

The results show that power-in-interaction is displayed through different forms: stable and asymmetrical, stable and symmetrical, alternating and de-constructing, alternating and negotiating. We argue that these forms can be considered as arenas for all family members to perform social relations in various ways.

In fede,

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