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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow*

*January, 2011 – December, 2016*

Department of Psychology; University of Milano-Bicocca.

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## EDUCATION

*Ph.D., Social Psychology*

*January, 2011*

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy

Dissertation title: Antecedents and Consequences of Social and Physical Pain

*Visiting PhD Student*

*February, 2009 – May, 2010*

Purdue University, IN, USA

*M.S., Psychology (summa cum laude)*

*February, 2006*

University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

The primary focus of my research is to investigate the impact of short and long-term instances of social exclusion, including ostracism, rejection, and discrimination. My background comes from psychology; nevertheless, my approach is interdisciplinary. I integrate theory and methodology from social psychology with those that come from other areas of psychology (e.g., cognitive, clinical, developmental psychology, and social neuroscience) to inform my hypotheses and the designs of my studies. Currently, I am particularly interested in exploring psychological strategies and brain mechanisms that can reduce the negative consequences of social exclusion.

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., DeWall, C. N., Chester, D. & Bushman, B. J. (in press). Reducing Aggressive Responses to Social Exclusion Using Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.

**Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., Vergallito, A., DeWall, C. N., & Bushman, B. J. (2015). Electrified Emotions: Modulatory Effects of Transcranial Direct Stimulation on Negative Emotional Reactions to Social Exclusion. *Social Neuroscience*, 10, 46-54.

- Rule, N. O., Tskhay, K. O., Brambilla, M., **Riva, P.**, Andrzejewski, S. A., & Krendl, A. C. (2015). The relationship between anti-gay prejudice and the categorization of sexual orientation. *Personality and Individual Differences, 77*, 74-80.
- Anderson, C. A., Andrighetto, L., Bartholow, B. D., Begue, L., Boxer, P., Brockmyer, J. F., . . . **Riva, P.**, Strasburger, V. C., Volpato, C., Warburton, W. (in press). Consensus on Media Violence Effects: Comment on Bushman, Gollwitzer, and Cruz. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*.
- Riva, P.**, Wesselman, E. D., Wirth, J. H., Carter-Sowell, A. R., Williams, K. D. (2014). When Pain Does Not Heal: The Common Antecedents and Consequences of Chronic Social and Physical Pain. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology, 36*, 329-346.
- Riva, P.**, Williams, K. D., & Gallucci, M. (2014). The Relationship between Fear of Social and Physical Threat and their Effects on Social Distress and Physical Pain Perception. *PAIN, 155*, 485-93.
- Riva, P.**, Williams, K. D., Torstrick, A., & Montali, L. (2014). Orders to Shoot (a camera): Effects of Ostracism on Obedience. *Journal of Social Psychology, 154*, 208-216.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, Brambilla, M., & Grasso, M. (2014). Moral Reasoning and Climate Change Mitigation: The Deontological Reaction Towards the Market-Based Approach. *Journal of Environmental Psychology, 38*, 252-261.
- Gabbiadini, A., **Riva, P.**, Andrighetto, L., Volpato, C., & Bushman, B. J. (2014). Interactive Effect of Moral Disengagement and Violent Video Games on Self-control, Cheating and Aggression. *Social Psychological and Personality Science, 5*, 450-457.
- Brambilla, M., **Riva, P.**, & Rule, N. (2013). Familiarity Increases the Accuracy of Categorizing Male Sexual Orientation. *Personality and Individual Differences, 55*, 193-195.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, & Brambilla, M. (2013). When Mother Earth Rises Up: Nature Anthropomorphization Reduces Support for Natural Disaster Victims. *Social Psychology, 44*, 271-277.
- Montali, L., **Riva, P.**, Frigerio, A., & Mele, S. (2013). The representation of immigrants in the Italian press: A study on the *Corriere della Sera* (1992-2009). *Journal of Language and Politics, 12*, 226-250.
- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., DeWall, C. N., & Bushman, B. J. (2012). Buffer the Pain Away: Stimulating the Right Ventrolateral Prefrontal Cortex Reduces Pain Following Social Exclusion. *Psychological Science, 23*, 1473-1475.
- Riva, P.**, & Andrighetto, L. (2012). "Everybody Feels a Broken Bone, But Only We Can Feel a Broken Heart": Group Membership Influences the Perception of Targets' Suffering. *European Journal of Social Psychology, 42*, 801-806.
- Riva, P.**, Wirth, J., & Williams, K.D. (2011). The Consequences of Pain: The Social and Physical Pain Overlap on Psychological Responses. *European Journal of Social Psychology, 41*, 681-687.

- Riva, P.**, Sacchi, S., Montali, L. & Frigerio, A. (2011). Gender Effects in Pain Detection: Speed and Accuracy in Decoding Female and Male Pain Expressions. *European Journal of Pain*, 15, 985.e1-985.e11.
- Riva, P.**, Rusconi, P., Montali, L. & Cherubini, P. (2011). The Influence of Anchoring on Pain Judgment. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 42, 265-277.
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., **Riva, P.**, & Cipriani, R. (2011). Conflicting representations of pain: A qualitative analysis of healthcare professionals' discourse. *Pain Medicine*, 12, 1585-1593.
- Montali, L., Frigerio, A., **Riva, P.**, Invernizzi, P. (2011). "It's as if PBC didn't exist": The illness experience of women affected by Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC). *Psychology and Health*, 26, 1429-1445.
- Rusconi, P., **Riva, P.**, Montali, L., Cherubini, P. (2010). Taking into account the observers' uncertainty: A graduated approach to the credibility of the patient's pain evaluation. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 33, 60-71.
- Montali, L., Tanaka, A., **Riva, P.**, Takahashi, H., Cocchi, C., Ueno, Y., ... & Invernizzi, P. (2010). A short version of a HRQoL questionnaire for Italian and Japanese patients with PBC. *Digestive and Liver Disease*, 42, 718-723.
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., & **Riva, P.** (2008). Teorie e pratiche nella gestione del dolore: una ricerca sulle rappresentazioni degli operatori. [Theories and practices in pain management: a research on doctors' representations] *Psicologia della Salute*, 1, 33-56.
- Riva, P.** (2008). Climate of opinion. Come studiamo la percezione dei cambiamenti climatici. [Climate of opinion. How we study the perception of climate change] *Equilibri*, XII, n. 2, pp. 263-270.
- Montali, L., & **Riva, P.** (2007). Rappresentazioni sociali a confronto nel dibattito italiano sulla fecondazione assistita in Italia in occasione del referendum. [Comparing social representations on assisted reproduction of the Italian referendum debate] *Studi Zancan*, 2, 145-164.

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### [Edited Book]

- Riva, P.**, & Eck, J. (Eds.) (in preparation). *Social Exclusion: Psychological approaches to understand and reduce its impact*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.

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### [Book Chapters]

- Riva, P.** (in preparation). Cognitive and Emotion Regulation Strategies to Reduce the Negative Effects of Social Exclusion. In P. Riva, & J. Eck, J. (Eds.). *Social Exclusion: Psychological approaches to understand and reduce its impact*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.
- Chester, D. & **Riva, P.** (in preparation). Brain Mechanisms Involved in Regulating Responses to Social Exclusion. In P. Riva, & J. Eck, J. (Eds.). *Social Exclusion: Psychological approaches to understand and reduce its impact*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.

- Riva, P., & Rusconi, P.** (2012). Il dolore sociale. [Social Pain]. In: P. Cherubini (Ed.), *Manuale di psicologia generale*. [Handbook of general psychology] Milano, Italy: Raffaello Cortina Editore.
- Rusconi, P., & **Riva, P.** (2012). La stima del livello di dolore [Pain Assessment]. In: P. Cherubini (Ed.), *Manuale di psicologia generale* [Handbook of general psychology]. Milano, Italy: Raffaello Cortina Editore.
- Montali, L., **Riva, P.**, Frigerio, A., Mele, S. (2012). Mass-media, linguaggio e razzismo: una prospettiva teorica e un contributo di ricerca. In: A. Miglietta & S. Gattino (Eds.), *Dietro il pregiudizio. Il contributo della Psicologia Sociale all'analisi di una società multiculturale*. p. 47-60, Liguori.
- Riva, P.** (2010). La percezione sociale del cambiamento climatico [The social perception of climate change]. In: M. Migliavacca & L. Rigamonti (Eds.), *Cambiamenti climatici - un approccio interdisciplinare per capire un Pianeta in trasformazione*. [Climate changes – an interdisciplinary approach for a changing planet] (pp. 169-214). Bologna: Il Mulino.
- Riva, P.**, Antonucci, L., Meloni, R., Panait, AM., Martani, C., Migliavacca, M., Rigamonti, L. (2010). Strategie e azioni future per la mitigazione e l'adattamento [Strategies and future actions for mitigation and adaptation]. In M. Migliavacca & L. Rigamonti (Eds.), *Cambiamenti climatici - un approccio interdisciplinare per capire un Pianeta in trasformazione* [Climate changes – an interdisciplinary approach for a changing planet]. (pp. 265-292). Bologna: Il Mulino.
- Riva, P.**, & Montali, L. (2009). Cattolici e laici a confronto sulla fecondazione assistita: un'analisi psicoretorica di tre focus group con gruppi militanti [A comparison of Catholic and Lay perspectives on assisted reproduction: a psycho-rhetorical analysis of three focus groups with militant groups]. In G. Rossi & M. Aletti (Eds.), *Psicologia della religione e teoria dell'attaccamento* [Psychology of religion and attachment theory] (pp. 203-214). Roma: Aracne.
- Riva, P.**, Colombo, M. & Montali, L. (2008). Action research 1947-2007: un'analisi della letteratura [Action research 1947-2007: an analysis of literature]. In Colucci, F.P., Colombo, M. & Montali, L., (eds.) *La ricerca intervento: prospettive e ambiti* [Action research: perspectives and fields]. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 259-270.

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#### SYMPOSIA CHAIRED

- Eck, J., & **Riva, P.** (co-chairs) (2014). *Current Research on Ostracism and Social Exclusion*. This symposium was presented at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 9-12, 2014.
- Paolini, D., **Riva, P.**, & Zamperini, A. (co-chairs) (2013). *Ostracismo ed Esclusione Sociale*. This symposium was presented at the XII National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Padua, September 25-28, 2013.
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## INVITED TALKS

- Riva, P.** (2012). *Buffer the Pain Away: Stimulating the rVLPFC decreases Feelings of Social Disconnection*. Talk given at the Workshop on Ostracism, Exclusion, and Rejection, Leiden University, The Netherlands, May 21-25, 2012.
- Riva, P.** (2011). *La valutazione del dolore: Bias cognitivi e influenze di genere*. [Pain evaluation: cognitive biases and gender influences]. Talk given at the conference "OPIOIDS 2012", Roma, September 1-2, 2011.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- De Panfilis, C., **Riva, P.**, Preti, E., Cabrino, C., & Marchesi, C. (2014). *Perceived rejection and unrealistic expectations of social inclusion in Borderline Personality Disorder*. Talk given at the 3rd ESSPD Conference on Borderline Personality Disorder and Allied Disorders. Rome, Italy, October 16-18, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., Vergallito, A., DeWall, C.N., & Bushman, B.J. (2014). *Electrified Emotions: Modulatory Effects of Transcranial Direct Stimulation on Negative Emotional Reactions to Social Exclusion*. Talk given at the Brain & Emotion Pre-Conference to the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 9-12, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., DeWall, C. N., Chester, D. & Bushman, B. J. (2014). *Reducing Aggressive Responses to Social Exclusion Using Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)*. Poster presented at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 9-12, 2014.
- Andrighetto, L., **Riva, P.**, & Volpato, C. (2014). *Excluded from all humanity: Animal metaphors exacerbate the psychological consequences of social exclusion*. Poster presented at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 9-12, 2014.
- Gabbiadini, A., **Riva, P.**, Andrighetto, L., Volpato, C., & Bushman, B. J. (2014). *Adolescent Immoral Behaviors as a Function of Moral Disengagement and Violent Gameplay*. Poster presented at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 9-12, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., Vergallito, A., DeWall, C.N., Chester, D. & Bushman, B.J. (2014). *Modulating Responses to Social Exclusion using transcranial Direct-Current Stimulation: The Role of the right Ventrolateral Prefrontal Cortex*. Poster presented at the Inauguration Day of the Milan Center for Neuroscience. Milan, Italy, July 3, 2014.
- Sacchi, S., & **Riva, P.** (2014). *Percezione e Ragionamento: la Psicologia del Cambiamento Climatico*. Talk given at the Inauguration Day of the Milan Center on Climate Change. Milan, April 7-11, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, & Sacchi, S. (2014). *Comunicazione e Percezione Sociale del Cambiamento Climatico*. Poster presented at the Inauguration Day of the Milan Center on Climate Change. Milan, April 7-11, 2014.

- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, Brambilla, M. & Grasso, M. (2014). *Ragionamento Morale sul Cambiamento Climatico: Deontologia e Conseguenzialismo*. Poster presented at the Inauguration Day of the Milan Center on Climate Change. Milan, April 7-11, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, Sacchi, S., & Brambilla, M. (2014). *Perceiving a Mind at the Slot: Anthropomorphization of Slot Machines Increases Gambling Behavior*. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). Austin, USA, February 13-15, 2014.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, & Brambilla, M. (2014). *Anthropomorphization of nature affects willingness to help victims of natural disasters*. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). Austin, USA, February 13-15, 2014.
- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., DeWall, C. N., Chester, D. & Bushman, B. J. (2013). *Effects of transcranial Direct-Current Stimulation (tDCS) over the right Ventrolateral Prefrontal Cortex (rVLPFC) on Aggressive Responses following Social Exclusion*. Poster presented at the “Non-invasive electrical stimulation (tDCS, tACS, tRNS): Basic and applied research” Workshop. Brescia, 30 September 2013.
- Riva, P.** (2013). *Reducing the Negative Impacts of Ostracism and Social Exclusion: Psychological and Neuromodulatory Evidence*. Talk given at the XII National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Padua, September 25-28, 2013.
- Riva, P.** (2013). *Neural Regulation of Social Bias: Stimulating the dlPFC to Modulate Implicit Prejudice*. Talk given at the SCoNe Mini-Symposium, SISSA International Summer School in Social Cognitive Neuroscience (SCoNe). Trieste, 15-28th July 2013.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, Brambilla M., & Grasso, M. (2013). *Moral reasoning and climate change mitigation: The deontological reaction towards an apparent taboo trade-off*. Talk given at the 36th annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Herzliya (Israel), July 8-11, 2013.
- Riva, P.**, Montali, L. & Williams, D.K. (2012). *Quando l'esclusione permane: la sovrapposizione degli effetti psicologici tra il dolore sociale cronico e il dolore fisico* [The Overlap between Social and Physical Chronic Pain]. Talk given at the XI National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Chieti, September 20-23, 2012.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, & Brambilla, M. (2012). *“Quando madre natura si ribella”: antropomorfizzazione della natura e aiuto alle vittime di disastri naturali* [When Mother Earth Rises Up: Nature Anthropomorphization and Support for Natural Disaster Victims]. Talk given at the XI National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Chieti, September 20-23, 2012.
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., & **Riva, P.** (2012). *Conflicting Representations of Pain: A Qualitative Analysis of Health Care Professionals' Discourse*. Poster presented at the Qualitative workshop for community-minded psychologists, Naples, Italy, March 1-2, 2012.
- Riva, P.**, Wirth, J. H., Wesselmann, E., Carter-Sowell, A. R., & Williams K. D. (2011). *Antecedents and consequences of social and physical pain*. Talk given at the 16th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Stockholm, Sweden, July 12-16, 2011.

- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, Brambilla, M., & Grasso, M. (2011). *Ethical constraints on climate change mitigation: consequentialism, moral outrage and responsibility*. Talk given at the 13th Workshop on Intergroup Processes, Jena, Germany, July 1-5, 2011.
- Wirth, J. H., **Riva, P.**, & Williams, K. D. (2011). *The Overlapping Effects of Social and Physical Pain on Basic Human Needs*. Talk given at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). San Antonio, USA, January 27-29, 2011.
- Riva, P.**, & Williams, K. D. (2010). *When Pain does not Heal: The effects of Persistent Social and Physical Suffering on Self and Identity*. Talk given at the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) Conference, Herzliya, Israel, July 22-26, 2010.
- Riva, P.**, & Williams, K. D. (2010). *The Role of Fear of Social Pain in the Experience of Ostracism*. Talk given at the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) Conference, Herzliya, Israel, July 22-26, 2010.
- Riva, P.**, Wirth, J. H., & Williams, K. D. (2010, May). *The social impact of suffering: Physical pain thwarts social needs*. Talk given at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, USA, April 28-30, 2010.
- Riva, P.**, Carter-Sowell, R.A., Williams, K. D. (2010). *Development and Validation of the Fear of Social Pain Questionnaire (FOSP)*. Talk given at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, USA, April 28-30, 2010.
- Riva, P.**, & Williams, D.K. (2010). *Dolore sociale e dolore fisico: un'analisi comparata degli antecedenti e dei conseguenti*. [Social and physical pain: a comparative analysis of their antecedents and consequences]. Talk given at the X National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Turin, September 14-16, 2010.
- Montali, L., Frigerio, A., **Riva, P.**, Invernizzi, P. (2010). *"Io non faccio la malata": identità e esperienza di malattia di donne con cirrosi biliare primitiva*. [It's as if PBC didn't exist": the illness experience of women affected by Primary Biliary Cirrhosis]. Talk given at the X National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Turin, September 14-16, 2010.
- Wesselmann, E., Carter-Sowell, R.A., **Riva, P.**, Wirth J., & Williams K. D. (2010). *When and Why Aggression Fortifies the Needs of Ostracized Individuals*. Talk given at the XIX International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) World Conference, Storrs, Connecticut, USA, July 27- 31, 2010.
- Riva, P.**, Sacchi, S., Frigerio, A., Montali, L. (2010). *You can't Read my Pain Face: How gender affects the Decoding of Facial Expressions of Pain*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). Las Vegas, USA, January 28-30, 2010.
- Rusconi, P., **Riva, P.**, Cherubini, P., Montali, L. (2010). *The role of initial impressions when evaluating credibility in the observers-patients relationship*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). Las Vegas, USA, January 28-30, 2010.

- Williams, K. D, Chen, Z. & **Riva, P.** (2009). *The Tenacity of Social Pain*. Talk given at the Society of Experimental Social Psychology conference (SESP). Portland, Maine, USA, October 15-17, 2009.
- Rusconi, P., **Riva, P.**, Cherubini, P., Montali, L. (2009). *A graduate approach to the credibility attribution process*. Poster presented at the sixth Congress of the European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC). Lisbon, Portugal, September 9-12, 2009. Published on *European Journal of Pain*, 13(1, Supplement): S223.
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., & **Riva, P.** (2009). *Xenophobia in political and media discourse*. Talk given at the Xenophobia, Prejudice and Interethnic Relations, PRIN International Conference. Department of Psychology, University of Study of Milano-Bicocca. Milan, Italy, April 16-17, 2009.
- Frigerio, A., Montali, L. & **Riva, P.** (2009) *“Io non faccio la malata”: la costruzione dell’identità tra aspettative di ruolo e stereotipi di genere*. [It’s as if PBC didn’t exist”: Identity Construction, Role Expectancies and Gender Stereotypes]. Workshop on: “Differenze e disparità”: le questioni sui generi in psicologia sociale. Parma, February 19-20, 2009.
- Riva, P.**, Colombo, M., & Montali, L. (2008). *Comparing Right and Left wing discourse on immigration: a lexical correspondence analysis of Italian parliamentary debates*. Talk given at the 9th International Conference on the Statistical Analysis of Textual Data. Lyon, France, March 12-14, 2008, p. 995-1007.
- Riva, P.** & Montali, L. (2007). *A comparison of Catholic and Lay perspectives on assisted reproduction: a psycho-rhetorical analysis of three focus group with militant groups*. XI International Conference “Attachment and Religion”. Milan, Italy, June 29-30, 2007, p. 50.
- Riva, P.**, Colombo, C., & Colucci, F.P. (2008). *Migrant voices on Italian policies: immigrants’ attitudes towards the Italian law on immigration*. Poster presented at the 15th EAESP General of the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology. Opatija, Croatia, June 10-14, 2008, p. 357.
- Miglioretti M., Montali L., Vecchio L., Frigerio A., **Riva P.**, Podda M., Selmi C., Cocchi C., Invernizzi P. (2008). *The relationship between illness perception, anxiety, depression and fatigue in HCV patients*. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, Bath, England, September 9-12, 2008. Published on Psychology and Health, 23 (suppl. 1), 184-185.
- Montali, L., **Riva, P.**, & Colombo, M. (2008). *The representation of foreigners in right-wing press in Italy: xenophobia and anti-immigrant discourse*. Talk given at the conference: The State and the ‘Others’ - Reacting to Xenophobia. Leipzig, Germany, March 11-12, 2008.
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., **Riva, P.**, & Cipriani, R. (2008). *L’analisi del discorso degli operatori come strumento di indagine delle Rappresentazioni del Dolore in Ospedale*. [Discourse analysis as a tool to explore the representations of pain of healthcare professionals within the hospital]. Talk given at the VIII National Meeting of the Italian Association of Health Psychology, Rovigo, October 1-4, 2008.



- Montali, L., Colombo, M., Camussi, E., Miglietta, A., & **Riva, P.** (2007). *Xenophobia in political discourse: an analysis of Italian parliamentary debates on immigration*. Talk given at the 4th European Consortium for Political Research. Pisa, Italy, September 6-8, 2007. The paper can be download from the following link:  
<http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/events/generalconference/pisa/papers/PP1046.pdf>
- Montali, L., Colombo, M., **Riva, P.**, & Cipriani, R. (2007). *Rappresentazioni del dolore in ospedale: un'analisi del discorso degli operatori*. [Representations of pain within the hospital: An Analysis of healthcare professionals' discourse]. Talk given at the conference "CURA 2007", Milan, November 8-10, 2007. The presentation won the prize "CURA 2007" awarded by the AGC onlus - Gilberto Cominetta Association for the palliative care in neurology.
- Montali, L., Frigerio, A., Miglioretti, M., Podda, M., Selmi, C., Vecchio, L., Cocchi, C., **Riva, P.**, Invernizzi, P. (2008). *Validation of the Italian version of Fisk Fatigue Severity Score (FFSS) and PBC-40*. Talk given at the 41 National Congresso f the Italian Association of the Liver Studies (A.I.S.F.), Rome, February 21-22, 2008. Published on *Digestive and Liver Disease*, Vol. 40, Issue 5, May 2008, p. A38.
- Colombo, M., Montali, L., & **Riva, P.** (2007). *La xenofobia nel discorso politico: un'analisi dei dibattiti parlamentari italiani sull'immigrazione*. [Xenophobia in political discourse: an analysis of Italian parliamentary debates on immigration]. Talk given at the XIII National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Cesena, September 24-26, 2007.
- Montali L., & **Riva P.** (2006). *Rappresentazioni sociali della scienza: un'analisi del dibattito sulla fecondazione assistita in Italia*. [Social representations of science: an analysis on the debate on the assisted re production in Italy]. Talk given at the Zancan Conference, Malosco, July 10-12, 2006.
- Montali, L., & **Riva P.** (2006). *Rappresentazioni sociali a confronto nel dibattito sulla fecondazione assistita in Italia in occasione del referendum*. [Comparing social representations on assisted reproduction on the Italian referendum debate]. Talk given at the VII National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Genoa, September 18-20, 2006.

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## WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2013      First Edition of the SISSA International Summer School in Social Cognitive Neuroscience (SCoNe). Workshops: Neuroscience of Social Information Processing (i.e., social judgment, empathy, stereotyping, prejudice, face perception and emotion), and Neuroscience of Reward (i.e., neurobehavioral mechanisms of appetitive motivation and reward, value-based decision-making, and the reward value of social interaction). Faculty: David Amodio, Stefano Cappa, Giuseppe di Pellegrino, Rebecca Jordon-Young, Daniela Ovadia, Matteo Marsili, David I. Perrett, Elisabeth Phelps, Raffaella Rumiati, Aldo Rustichini, Dana Samson, Wolfram Schultz.
- 2011      13th Jena Workshop on Intergroup Processes. Workshops: Ingroup Norms and Reactions to Deviance; July 1-5, Jena, Germany.
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- 2008 Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis and Collection (UK). Workshop: Mixed Methods: Introduction to Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analyses; Prof. Max Bergman.
- 2008 Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis and Collection (UK). Workshop: Structural Equation Modeling; Prof. Ewen Speed.
- 2008 Italian Association of Psychology (AIP) Methodological Summer School - University Residential Centre of Bertinoro (Italy). Workshop: Structural Equation Modeling; Prof. Luigi Leone.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Guest lectures on Social Exclusion (Fall, 2012 – Fall, 2014)*

Guest lectures on Social Exclusion. Social Psychology. Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) - Department of Educational Science, University of Genova (Italy).

### *Attitude and Persuasion (Fall, 2012 - Fall, 2013)*

Instructor for the course of Research Attitude and Persuasion. Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Social Psychology (Fall, 2007 – Spring, 2015)*

Teaching Assistant for the courses of Social Psychology. Faculty of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Social Psychology (Fall, 2011)*

Instructor for the course of Social Psychology. Faculty of Sociology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Computer Science (Spring, 2015)*

Instructor for the course of Computer Science. Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Master in Bioethics and Biolaw for Clinical Practice (Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2014)*

Teaching fellow for the Master Bioethics and BioLaw for Clinical Practice. Department of Legal Systems, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Research Methods of Textual and Linguistic Analysis (Spring, 2011 – Spring, 2015)*

Instructor for the course of Research Methods of Textual and Linguistic Analysis. Department of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

### *Qualitative Methods (Fall, 2007)*

Instructor for the course of Qualitative methods in Psychological Research. Faculty of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

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## RESEARCH INTERNSHIP SUPERVISION

*An analysis of the effects of Mindfulness (Nicolas Aureli, September-December 2014).*

*The modulatory effect of tDCS on Emotion Regulation Processes (Daniele Sartini, March-June 2014).*

*Cognitive factors underlying Social Categorization (Francesca Serena Meda, March-June 2014).*

*Social Pain and Social Identification (Francesca Vinzia, February-May 2014).*

*The modulatory effect of tDCS on Social Pain Perception (Annalisa Anzani, January-April 2014).*

*The relationship between Social Pain and Perception of Odors (Federica Mazzari, January- April 2014).*

*The relationship between Schadenfreude and Self-esteem (Silvia Mandelli, January-April 2014).*

*Social Pain and Social Identification (Cristina Gratiela Halunga, October 2013 –January 2014).*

*The effect of Situational Factors on Social Judgment (Ylenia Geluardi, September-December 2013).*

*Anthropomorphization and Terror Management Theory (Giulia D'Andrea, September-December 2013).*

*Social Exclusion and Gambling Behavior (Martina Capra, June-September 2013).*

*Terror Management Theory and Social Identification (Riccardo Germani, June-September 2013).*

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## MASTER THESIS SUPERVISION

*The Psychological Consequences of Dehumanizing Social Exclusion: An experimental study (Carmelanna D'Auria, 2013-2014).*

*An Experimental Study of Mindfulness and Cognitive Flexibility (Giulia Lancello, 2013-2014).*

*The role of rVLPFC on Implicit and Explicit Emotion Regulation Processes: a tDCS Study (Valeria Palumbo, 2013-2014)*

*An Empirical Study on the role of Popularity as a moderator of the effects of social exclusion on children's cognitive performance (Paola Mazza, 2013-2014).*

*The role of Emotional Regulation in Responses to Ostracism: an empirical study (Elena Zanaboni, 2013-2014).*

*Effects of Inclusion and Exclusion on Attention Orientation and Performance: a Behavioral Study (Marco Ferrante, 2013-2014).*

*The Psychological Consequences of Ostracism: an Experimental comparison of the phenomenon at the individual and group level (Giorgio Antoniazzi, 2012-2013).*

*The Predictive role of Pain Catastrophizing, Social Anxiety and Personality Factors in the Perception of Social Pain (Mattia Lattuada, 2012-2013).*

*The role of Individual Differences on Attention for Social and Physical Pain Stimuli (Federica Mariani, 2010-2011).*

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## PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

*Editorial board*

*Pain Studies and Treatment*

*Journal reviewer*

*Biological Psychology  
Brain and Cognition  
Cerebral Cortex  
Consciousness and Cognition  
European Journal of Pain  
European Journal of Social Psychology  
Group Processes & Intergroup Relations  
In-mind Italia  
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology  
Journal of Media Psychology  
Journal of Personality  
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology  
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships  
Psychological Science  
Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes  
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin  
PLOS ONE  
NeuroImage  
Social Cognition  
Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience  
Social Influence  
Social Neuroscience*

*Grant Reviewer*

*Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*

Counselor, student-counseling service, Faculty of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca (2007 to 2009).

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
Social Psychology Network (SPN)  
European Association of Social Psychology (EASP)  
Italian Association of Psychology (AIP) – Social Psychology Section  
Italian roster of Psychologists N. 03/14082

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2014 Italian Association of Psychology Travel Grant (AIP).
- 2013 Special Jury Award for the Research Proposal: “Neural Regulation of Social Bias: Stimulating the dlPFC to Modulate Implicit Prejudice” at SISSA International Summer School in Social Cognitive Neuroscience (SCoNe). Trieste, 15-28<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- 2011 Best Doctoral Dissertation Award of 2011 in Social Psychology from the Italian Association of Psychology (AIP).
- 2007 Prize “CURA 2007” awarded by the AGC Onlus - Gilberto Cominetta - Association for the palliative care in neurology.
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## FUNDING HISTORY

- 2013 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: The effects of slot machines anthropomorphization on gambling behavior. (Principal investigator: Prof. Simona Sacchi).
- 2011 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: Antecedents and consequences of chronic social and physical pain (Principal investigator: Dr. Lorenzo Montali).
- 2010 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: The antecedents of pain management within the hospital (Principal investigator: Dr. Lorenzo Montali).
- 2009 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: Illness representations of women affected by Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (Principal investigator: Dr. Lorenzo Montali).
- 2008 PRIN – Italian Ministry of Education. Co-investigator. Project: Psychological processes involved in hypothesis-testing and revision. (Principal investigator: Katia Tentori) (€ 18.000).
- 2008 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: Theories and practice of pain management (Principal investigator: Dr. Lorenzo Montali).
- 2007 FAR - Co-investigator. Project: Representation of work and gender variables: a study nursing personnel of the departments of nephrology and dialysis (Principal investigator: prof. Elisabetta Camussi).

2006 PRIN – Italian Ministry of Education. Co-investigator. Project: Xenophobia, prejudice and interethnic relations. (Principal investigator: Paolo Cherubini) (€ 96.000).

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**MEDIA COVERAGE**  
**(selective listing)**

- *Adnkronos.com*

April 19, 2014: Videogiochi violenti, è allarme in Italia. Sesso, sangue e droga nei titoli più venduti  
([http://www.adnkronos.com/mobile/Cronaca/news/Videogiochi-violenti-e-allarme-in-Italia-Sesso-sangue-e-droga-nei-titoli-piu-venduti\\_3.2.1458484972.php](http://www.adnkronos.com/mobile/Cronaca/news/Videogiochi-violenti-e-allarme-in-Italia-Sesso-sangue-e-droga-nei-titoli-piu-venduti_3.2.1458484972.php))

- *ilmattino.it*

April 19, 2014: Videogame, l'allarme dagli esperti: «La metà di quelli più venduti sono troppo violenti»  
([http://www.ilmattino.it/primopiano/cronaca/videogame\\_allarme\\_esperti/notizie/642521.shtml](http://www.ilmattino.it/primopiano/cronaca/videogame_allarme_esperti/notizie/642521.shtml))

- *Notizenazionali.net*

April 19, 2014: Videogiochi violenti e boom di quelli con sesso e droga: allarme per i giovani italiani. Terreno fertile anche per il bullismo  
(<http://www.notizenazionali.net/notizie/attualita/3735/videogiochi-violenti-e-boom-di-quelli-con-sesso-e-droga--allarme-per-i-giovani-italiani>)

- *Corriere.it*

December 20, 2013: La paura di soffrire ci rende più sensibili al dolore fisico e psicologico  
([http://www.corriere.it/salute/neuroscienze/13\\_dicembre\\_20/paura-soffrire-ci-rende-piu-sensibili-dolore-fisico-psicologico-b048a632-695d-11e3-95c3-b5f040bb6318.shtml](http://www.corriere.it/salute/neuroscienze/13_dicembre_20/paura-soffrire-ci-rende-piu-sensibili-dolore-fisico-psicologico-b048a632-695d-11e3-95c3-b5f040bb6318.shtml))

- *Focus.it*

December 19, 2013: Ricerca: paura amplifica dolore fisico e psicologico, studio italiano  
([http://www.focus.it/ADNKronos/ricerca-paura-amplifica-dolore-fisico-e-psicologico-studio-italiano-----\\_C65.aspx](http://www.focus.it/ADNKronos/ricerca-paura-amplifica-dolore-fisico-e-psicologico-studio-italiano-----_C65.aspx))

- *Controcampus.it*

December 11, 2013: Università Bicocca: la paura amplifica la percezione del dolore fisico e sociale  
(<http://www.controcampus.it/2013/12/universita-bicocca-la-paura-amplifica-la-percezione-del-dolore-fisico-e-sociale/>)

- *Ansa.it*

December 11, 2013: La paura rende più sensibili al dolore

([http://www.ansa.it/web/notizie/collection/rubriche\\_scienza/12/19/paura-rende-piu-sensibili-dolore\\_9803575.html](http://www.ansa.it/web/notizie/collection/rubriche_scienza/12/19/paura-rende-piu-sensibili-dolore_9803575.html))

- *Le Figaro*

December 11, 2013: L'impact d'un jeu vidéo violent et immoral

(<http://sante.lefigaro.fr/actualite/2013/12/11/21677-limpact-dun-jeu-video-violent-immoral>)

- *Medicalnewstoday.com*

November 29, 2013: Violent video games reduce teens' self-control, study shows

(<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/269400.php>)

- *Theconversation.com*

November 28, 2013: Do violent video games make teens 'eat and cheat' more?

(<http://theconversation.com/do-violent-video-games-make-teens-eat-and-cheat-more-20866>)

- *Corriere della Sera*

November 27, 2013: Il videogioco che rende i ragazzi aggressivi

- *Science20.com*

November 25, 2013: Violent Video Games Make Teens Eat More And Cheat More

([http://www.science20.com/news\\_articles/violent\\_video\\_games\\_make\\_teens\\_eat\\_more\\_and\\_cheat\\_more\\_psychologists-125146](http://www.science20.com/news_articles/violent_video_games_make_teens_eat_more_and_cheat_more_psychologists-125146))

- *National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine - Nicabm.com*

January 21, 2013: Rewiring the Brain to Buffer Social Pain

(<http://www.nicabm.com/nicabmblog/rewiring-the-brain-to-buffer-social-pain/>)

- *PsychCentral.com*

December 6, 2012: Brain Stimulation May Ease the Sting of Social Pain

(<http://psychcentral.com/news/2012/12/06/brain-stimulation-may-ease-the-sting-of-social-pain/48705.html>)

- *Science Daily*

December 5, 2012: Brain Stimulation May Buffer Feelings of Social Pain

(<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121204162211.htm>)

- *Health24*

December 5, 2012: Brain Stimulation May Buffer Feelings of Social Pain

([http://www.health24.com/news/Brain Neurological/1-896,78306.asp](http://www.health24.com/news/Brain_Neurological/1-896,78306.asp))

- *Medicalxpress*

December 5, 2012: Brain Stimulation May Buffer Feelings of Social Pain

(<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2012-12-brain-buffer-social-pain.html>)

- *American Psychological Association*

December 4, 2012: Brain Stimulation May Buffer Feelings of Social Pain

(<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/news/releases/brain-stimulation-may-buffer-feelings-of-social-pain.html>)

- *Il Sole e 24 ore*

October 17, 2011: Dolore fisico e dolore sociale pari sono

- *Pharmastar – Il Giornale on-line sui Farmaci*

September 23, 2011: Uomini e donne: la manifestazione del dolore è la stessa?

(<http://www.pharmastar.it/index.html?pgnav=12&id=207>)

- *Corriere delle Sera (on-line)*

September 14, 2011: Ci si sente soli con 60 secondi dolore ([http://www.corriere.it/notizie-ultima-ora/Scienza e salute/sente-soli-secondi-dolore/14-09-2011/1-A\\_000247427.shtml](http://www.corriere.it/notizie-ultima-ora/Scienza_e_salute/sente-soli-secondi-dolore/14-09-2011/1-A_000247427.shtml))

- *Tiscali: Scienze*

September 15, 2011: Basta un minuto di dolore fisico per sentirsi immediatamente esclusi o ignorati (<http://notizie.tiscali.it/articoli/scienza/11/09/minuto-dolore-esclusi-ignorati.html>)

- *Fatti Italiani*

September 15, 2011: Il dolore ci fa sentire soli (<http://www.fattiitaliani.it/news.asp?id=674>)

- *Microscopionline – Portale Medico Scientifico*

September 15, 2011: Il dolore fisico ci fa sentire esclusi

(<http://www.microscopionline.it/2011/09/14/3449-il-dolore-fisico-ci-fa-sentire-esclusi/>)

- *Controcampus*



September 15, 2011: Il dolore, fisico o psicologico, ci fa sentire soli e ignorati

(<http://www.controcampus.it/2011/09/il-dolore-fisico-o-psicologico-ci-fa-sentire-soli-e-ignorati/>)

- *Il Sole e 24 ore*

April 25, 2011: Se il dolore su un volto femminile è invisibile

- *Pagine Mediche*

April 6, 2011: Quando soffrono le donne è più difficile capirlo

([http://news.paginemediche.it/it/230/ultime-notizie/psicologia/agi-news/detail\\_152464\\_quando-soffrono-le-donne-e-piu-difficile-capirlo.aspx?c1=80&c2=5938](http://news.paginemediche.it/it/230/ultime-notizie/psicologia/agi-news/detail_152464_quando-soffrono-le-donne-e-piu-difficile-capirlo.aspx?c1=80&c2=5938))

- *Vanity Fair*

April 7, 2011: Perché la sofferenza femminile si nota di meno

(<http://www.vanityfair.it/news/societ%C3%A0/2011/04/07/ricerca-sul-dolore>)

- *AGI Salute*

April 6, 2011: Quando soffrono le donne è più difficile capirlo

(<http://salute.agi.it/primapagina/notizie/201104061057-hpg-rsa1005-quando-soffrono-le-donne-piu-difficile-capirlo>)

- *IGN Adnkronos*

April 6, 2011: Salute: se lei soffre è più difficile accorgersene, studio sugli avatar

([http://www.adnkronos.com/IGN/Daily\\_Life/Benessere/Salute-se-lei-soffre-e-piu-difficile-accorgersene-studio-sugli-avatar\\_311874154129.html](http://www.adnkronos.com/IGN/Daily_Life/Benessere/Salute-se-lei-soffre-e-piu-difficile-accorgersene-studio-sugli-avatar_311874154129.html))