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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow *January, 2011-*
Department of Psychology; University of Milano-Bicocca.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Psychology *January, 2011*
University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy
Advisor: Dr. Lorenzo Montali
Dissertation title: Antecedents and consequences of social and physical pain

Visiting PhD Student *February, 2009 – May, 2010*
Purdue University, IN, USA
Advisor: Prof. Kipling D. Williams

M.S., Psychology (summa cum laude) *February, 2006*
University of Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My main research interests focus on social pain, or the hurtful feelings caused by social exclusion, ostracism, humiliation, rejection, betrayal, etc. In particular, I examine the impacts of experiencing short and long term episodes of social pain on human basic needs satisfaction, affect, and antisocial behavior. In a related vein, I am interested in comparing social and physical pain, investigating similarities and differences in their antecedents, moderators, and psychological consequences. I also investigated the factors which affect the credibility attribution to the patient's pain in the healthcare settings.

PUBLICATIONS

Riva, P. & Andrighetto, L. (in press). "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*.

- Riva, P.**, Romero Lauro, L. J., DeWall, C. N., & Bushman, B. J. (in press). Buffer the Pain Away: Stimulating the rVLPFC Reduces Pain Following Social Exclusion. *Psychological Science*.
- Sacchi, S., **Riva, P.**, & Brambilla, M. (in press). When Mother Earth Rises Up: Nature Anthropomorphization Reduces Support for Natural Disaster Victims. *Social Psychology*.
- Montali, L., **Riva, P.**, Frigerio, A., & Mele, S. (in press). The representation of immigrants in the Italian press: A study on the *Corriere della Sera* (1992-2009). *Journal of Language and Politics*.
- 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.**, et al. (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] *1*, 33-56. *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.

[Book Chapters]

- 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 [The assessment of the pain level]. In P. Cherubini (Ed.), *Manuale di psicologia generale*. [Handbook of general psychology] Milano, Italy: Raffaello Cortina Editore.
- 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., et al.,** (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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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 X National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Chieti, September 20-23, 2010.
- 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]. National Meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology - Social Psychology Section, Chieti, September 20-23, 2010.

- Riva, P.** (2012 – invited speaker). *Buffer the Pain Away: Stimulating the rVLPFC decreases Feelings of Social Disconnection*. Workshop on Ostracism, Exclusion, and Rejection, Leiden University, The Netherlands, May 21-25, 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.** (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.
- Riva, P.**, & Williams, D.K. (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, D.K. (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, D.K. (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 D.K. (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 6th 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 expetancies 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). *Relashionship 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 of 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 occasion of 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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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Psychology (Fall, 2011)

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

Social Psychology (Fall, 2007 – Fall, 2011)

Teaching Assistant for the courses of Social Psychology and Qualitative methods in Psychological Research,
Faculty of Psychology, University of Milano-Bicocca.

Research Methods of Textual and Linguistic Analysis (Spring, 2011– Fall, 2011 – Spring 2012)

Instructor for the course of Research Methods of Textual and Linguistic Analysis. Faculty 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.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Ad hoc Reviewer

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Social Cognition
Social Neuroscience
Social Influence
Journal of Personality
Organizational Behavior and Human Decision
Processes
Biological Psychology
In-mind Italia

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

European Association of Social Psychology
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Social Psychology Network

AWARDS

- 2011 Received the 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.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 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).

MEDIA COVERAGE (selective listing)

- *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.it*
- 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)
- *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)
- *Liquida – Le voci del web*
- April 7, 2011: Dolore, difficile capire dall'espressione del viso quando una donna soffre (www.liquida.it/paolo-riva/)
- *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)