

**ECREA Section for the Philosophy of Communication**

**Workshop**

**COMMUNICATION AND UNCERTAINTY**

**University of Padova, 15 May 2009**

**8:30-9:00 Arrival, Registration**

**9:00-9:15 Welcome and Opening by the Director of the Department of Sociology**

**9.15-11:15**

**Uncertainty and Social Interaction Theory**

Jan Fleck, Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH): *Rumors: Introducing Uncertainty in the Communicative Process?*

Rasco Hartig (Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH): *What keeps Social Systems "On Track"? – Communicative Mechanisms and the Reduction of Uncertainty.*

Johan Siebers (University of Central Lancashire / IGRS, University of London): *Uncertainty in Dialogic Communication - A Phenomenological Approach*

**Chair: Vincenzo Romani**

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COFFEE BREAK

**11.30-13.30**

**Uncertainty and Global Communication**

Steven John Thompson (Clemson University): *Images of Horror, Words of Terror: Ambiguity, Risk and Suicide through Global Media*

Ludovic Garavattini (Sorbonne): *Toward the Concept of Complex Integration*

Mabo Khamis, S. Mwinyimbegu (Centre Européen de Recherches Internationales et Stratégiques (CERIS), Belgium): *Public campaigns and communication uncertainty in conflict areas in Africa: Evaluation of strategies used by Solidarité pour la Promotion Sociale (SOPROP) in its campaigns on sexual violence against women in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Chair: Johan Siebers**

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**15.00-17.00**

**Uncertainty and Scientific Communication**

Paolo Magaudda and Andrea Lorenzet (University of Padova): *Misunderstandings and Uncertainty in Science Communication.*

Mauro Turrini (University of Padova): *The Thresholds of Risk as an Area of Negotiation of the Communication of Uncertainty*

Vincenzo Romania (University of Padova): *The Uncertainty in the Social Definition of Life and Death: Scientific Categories in the Eluana Englaro Case.*

**Chair: Federico Neresini**

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COFFEE BREAK

**17.30-18.30 Plenary session and discussion: final remarks**

Vincenzo Romania (moderator)

Johan Siebers (moderator)

All are welcome to attend, registration and travel/accommodation information via the organisers, Vincenzo Romania (vincenzo.romania@gmail.com) or Johan Siebers (jisiebers@uclan.ac.uk)