

School of Advanced Studies IUSS Pavia

*Workshop*

## **SOCIALLY EXTENDED MINDS?**

**5-6 December 2016**

Sala del Camino

Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria 15, Pavia

### PROGRAMME

Monday, 5 December

*14.30-15.00 Registration*

15.00-15.15

**Michele Di Francesco** (IUSS Pavia)

*Opening Remarks*

15.15-16.15

**Mattia Gallotti** (School of Advanced Study, London)

*How Extended is Collective Intentionality?*

The thesis that the mind naturally extends into the environment in socially significant ways has recently been enriched with insights about the capacity of people to share mental states with others. One major motivation for introducing research on collective intentionality into discussions regarding the nature of mind turns on the fact that shared cognitive activity relies on the exercise of skills and abilities that are biologically and culturally situated and shaped in social interactions, perhaps in the sense required by the socially extended mind hypothesis. However, this research also relies on assumptions about the ontology and epistemology of mental attitudes that introduce complications, and therefore call for further scrutiny.

*16.15 Coffee Break*

16.45-17.45

**Dan Zahavi** (Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen)

*Extended Minds and Shared Emotions*

In my talk, I will discuss whether work on collective intentionality and shared emotions can be of relevance when discussing the plausibility and scope of an extended mind. I will first focus on a critical discussion of some recent contributions by Joel Krueger and Hans Bernhard Schmid, who are in turn inspired by Merleau-Ponty and Scheler, and next propose an alternative which is more indebted to Husserl, Walther and Schutz.

*19.30 Social Dinner (for speakers)*

Tuesday, 6 December

9.30-10.30

**Giulia Piredda** (IUSS Pavia)

*Extended mind and the problem of constitution*

In this paper I will deal with the problem of constitution in the extended mind debate. In particular, I will discuss two of the main criticisms that have been addressed to it – the so-called coupling-constitution fallacy and the mark of the cognitive. These criticisms raise several questions concerning the methodological premises of a cognitive scientific ontology: a step back to the foundations of cognitive science, particularly to the debate about methodological individualism, will help clarify some issues.

*10.30 Coffee Break*

11.00-12.00

**Mark Sprevak** (University of Edinburgh)

*Sharing Someone Else's Brain*

The extended mind hypothesis (EM) claims that some of our mental states/processes extend outside our heads and into objects in our environment. To date, attention has focused on mental extension into otherwise non-mental artefacts (notebooks, diaries, iPhones). However, arguments for EM appear to support extension, not only into non-mental artefacts, but also into the minds of other people. Cognitive resources inside the head of your close colleagues appear, by the standards of EM, to be just as apt, if not more apt, to part of the realisation base of your mental life as anything going on inside your iPhone. In this paper, I examine whether and how arguments for EM -- arguments tailored for our relation to non-mental artefacts -- generalise to supporting extending our minds into the minds of others.

12.15-13.15

**Pierre Jacob** (IJN, Paris/CEU, Budapest)

*Overtly Manipulating Another's Mind*

The agent of a human ostensive communicative act has the informative intention to overtly manipulate her recipient's mind, i.e. to overtly cause him to acquire a new belief or desire. Her act is ostensive because she also has the further communicative intention that her recipient changes his mind as a result of his recognizing her informative intention. I will address the question to what extent the agent and her recipient form a coupled system "that can be seen as a cognitive system in its own right," so that they can form a socially extended mind in the sense of 'extended mind' articulated by Clark and Chalmers (1998).

*13.15 Lunch*

**Everyone is welcome, no registration needed**

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