What is Done When Nothing Special is Being Done
Social Theory and the Power of the Unmarked

– A Sociological Symposium –

March 5 & 6, 2019

Department of Communication and Social Research (CoRiS)

Sapienza-University of Rome

Centro Congressi, via Salaria 113, Rome
Day 1 - Tuesday, March 5

8:30 am Welcome Coffee

9:00 am INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Tito Marci
Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Sociology, Communication, Sapienza

Bruno Mazzara
Chair of the Department of Communication and Social Research, Sapienza

Antonio Fasanella
Director of the Ph.D. in Communication, Social Research and Marketing, Sapienza

9:30 am Session I

Chair: Maria Carmela Agodi
University of Naples

Eviatar Zerubavel
Rutgers University
*Taken for Granted: Semiotic Asymmetry and the Sociocognitive Production of Normality*

Orvar Löfgren
Lund University
*Routines, Rituals and Reflexes: The Powerful Undercurrents in Everyday Life*

Susie Scott
University of Sussex
*Nothing Important: Exploring the Personal and Social Meanings of Negative Experience*
12:30 pm

Light Lunch

2:00 pm

Session II
Chair: Paola Borgna
University of Turin

Massimiliano Badino and Gerardo Ienna
University of Verona
Whereof One Must be Silent, One Can Speak: Logic, Epistemology and the “Taken-for-Grantedness”

Asia Friedman
University of Delaware
Early Detection’s Blind Spots: Irrelevance, Disattention, and the Cognitive Structure of the Conflict Over Mammography

Adriana Mica
University of Warsaw
Classical and Less Classical Match Points: Sociology of the Unmarked and Sociology of the Unintended

Carmelo Lombardo and Lorenzo Sabetta
Sapienza-University of Rome
“That’s Nothing!”. On the Structural Unmarkedness of the Micro-Macro Link
Day 2 - Wednesday, March 6

9:00 am  
Session III (first part)
Chair: Andrea Cossu  
University of Trento

Omar Lizardo  
UCLA  
The Marked and the Unmarked: Insights from Cognitive Semantics

Marco Santoro  
University of Bologna  
“Nothing Happened.” On Mafia and the Politics of (Ab)Normality

Anna K. Skarpelis  
Harvard University  
Racial Vision: Sensory Perception, Authenticity and Photographic Expertise

11:30 am  
Coffee Break

11:45 am  
Session III (second part)
Chair: Andrea Cossu  
University of Trento

Vincenzo Mele and Enrico Campo  
University of Pisa - University of Corsica  
The Science of the Unmarked: A Re-appreciation of Social Physiognomic

Wayne H. Brekhus  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
Sociocultural Defaults at Rest and in Motion:  
Cognitive Sociologies of the Unmarked
Scientific Committee

Carmelo Lombardo (Chair), Maurizio Bonolis, Paolo De Nardis, Antonio Fasanella, Alberto Marinelli, Alberto Mattiacci, Paolo Montesperelli, Isabella Pezzini, Christian Ruggiero

Organization Committee

Lorenzo Sabetta (Chair), Marco Antonutti, Vittoria Bernardini, Alessio Di Leo, Giuseppe Mauro, Giuliana Parente, Simone Sallusti.

Logistics and Registration

The conference venue is at the Department of Communication and Social Research - CORIS, Sapienza University of Rome, via Salaria, 113, 00198 Rome.

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