

# Curriculum Vitae – Rosaria Conte

## *General Information*

Rosaria Conte is **head** of the **Laboratory of Agent Based Social Simulation** at the ISTC-CNR in Rome, **President of the Italian Cognitive Science Association (AISC)**, and **President of the European Social Simulation Society (ESSA)**. She and has been **teaching Social Psychology** at the Univ. of Siena until 2009. **Tutor** of (Inter)national **Fellowships** and **PhD** students, she is now a member of the newly established Rome Node of the **Centre of Interactive Intelligent Systems (CIIS)** of the Univ. of Plymouth, UK.

She **published 136 works** among volumes, papers in scientific journals, conference proceedings, and book chapters. Her scientific activity aimed to (a) explain **prosocial behaviour** among intelligent autonomous systems, including altruism and norm-based action and (b) model the **bidirectional dynamics of norms** and norm-enforcement mechanisms (including **reputation** and gossip). Her research is characterised by a highly **interdisciplinary approach**, at the intersection among cognitive, social, and computational sciences, and an **innovative**, computational **methodology** based on **agent based social simulation (ABSS)**.

### Areas of Interest

(Info)Social Order, Agent Theory, Emergence and Evolution of Social Institutions, Deontic Logic, Social Simulation, Cultural Evolution.

### Measures

H index: **27** computed on Pubsh&Perish – with <R Conte> key, repeatedly pruning non pertinent entries.

Total citations: **3048**

Av. cite publ.: **22,41**

Av. Impact Factor: **1.32**

## ***Education and periods of research and study abroad:***

1976: Degree in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University La Sapienza, Rome.

1980: Postdoctoral Fellowship at Department of Sociology, UCSD, USA; tutor: Prof. Aaron Cicourel.

1985: Visiting scholar at the Department of Psychology of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.

## ***Scientific and Academic Career***

1982-2001: Junior Scientist at the Institute of Psychology (IP, now Institute of Cognitive Science and Technology, ISTC) of CNR.

1993-1994: Teaches Cognitive Psychology at the Univ. of Turin

1994-1996: Teaches Social Psychology at the Univ. of Turin

1997-2009: Teaches Social Psychology at the Univ. of Siena

1998-2002: Official Responsibility for Division “Interazione, Cognizione e IA” of ISTC.

1998- : Head of Laboratory of *Agent Based Social Simulation (LABSS)* [www.labss.cnr.it](http://www.labss.cnr.it) , at ISTC, [www.istc.cnr.it](http://www.istc.cnr.it)

2001: Honorary Associate Researcher at *Centre for Policy Making* of Business School, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK.

2001: Got “*Idoneità*” for Directorship of ISTC.

2001: Senior Scientist at ISTC.

2003-2005: Member of PhD Teaching and Evaluation Committee “*Elettronica e Telematica*”, Univ. Of Florence.

2005-2007: Member of PhD Teaching and Evaluation Committee “*Scienza Cognitiva, Logica e*

- Informatica*” Doctorate, Univ. of Siena.
- 2006- : Elected President of AISC, *Associazione Italiana di Scienza Cognitiva*, <http://www.aisc-net.it/it/>
- 2005-2008: Head of Research Unit: “*MicroMacro Link: Mente, Relazioni e Reti Sociali. Simulazione Sociale e Strumenti di Governance*”, IC.P09.001.001 (A).
- 2008- : Elected President of *European Social Simulation Association*, <http://www.essa.eu.org/>
- 2008- : Head of Research Unit: “*Agenti Cognitivi e Simulazione Sociale*”, IC.P09.009.001.
- 2009- : Member of Rome Node of the *Centre for Interactive Intelligent Systems (CITS)*, University of Plymouth, UK, for MPhil or PhD by the University of Plymouth, Univ. Of Plymouth, UK.
- 2010-2011 : Member of Inter-Institutional Master in “*Sistemi Intelligenti*”, ISTC/CNR and Univ. Of Naples, Rome, ISTC.

#### Coordination of Scientific Projects (from now on, starting from most recent)

- 2006-2009: ***EMIL: EMergence In the Loop: the 2-way Dynamics of Norm Innovation*** (<http://emil.istc.cnr.it/>),  
No. contratto: 033841, rilasciato dal 6° Quadro dei progetti europei, *Information Society Technologies (IST)*,  
periodo di attività dal 01/09/2006 al 31/10/2009,  
entità del finanziamento: 1.535.000 €
- 2006-2009: ***eREP: Social Knowledge for (e)Governance***<sup>1</sup> (<http://megatron.iiia.csic.es/eRep>),  
No. contratto: 028575, rilasciato dal 6° Quadro dei progetti europei, *Citizens and Governance in the Knowledge based society (SSH)*,  
Period of activity: dal 01/04/2006 al 31/03/2009  
Funding: 1.199.984 €
- 2005-2008: ***SOCRATE - Società artificiali per la Competizione e la collaborazione: Reti di conoscenza, reputazione organizzativa e clusTER di medie e piccole imprese*** (<http://socrate.istc.cnr.it/>),  
No. contratto: RBNE03Y338, rilasciato dal MIUR-FIRB.  
Funding: 477.000 €
- 1996 – 1997: Vigoni Project on “*Evolution of the elementary Morals*”, with Prof. R. Hegselmann  
Dept. Of Philosophy Bremen Univ., Germany.  
Funding: 5.000.000 Lit.

#### Participation in Scientific Projects

- 2007-2010: ***SOCCOP in “The Evolution of Cooperation and Trade”***  
(<http://www.esf.org/activities/eurocores/running-programmes/tect/projects/list-of-projects.html>), Project funded by the European Science Foundation (ESF), coordinated by Herbert Gintis.  
Funding: 270,000 €
- 2000-2003: ***FIRMA – Freshwater Integrated Resource Management with Agents***  
(<http://www.ist-world.org/ProjectDetails.aspx?ProjectId=41ab200194f346889cb581f374e4ecb0>),  
No contratto: EVK1-CT-1999-00016, rilasciato dal 5° Quadro dei progetti Esprit, (SSH),  
Funding: 184,750 €
- 1998-2000: Progetto Strategico (PS) “**L’Italia in Europa: governance e politiche per lo sviluppo economico-sociale**” funded by CNR, Comitato 10 “*Scienze Sociali, Economiche e Statistiche*”  
Funding: Lit. 10.000.000

<sup>1</sup> After contract signature, the candidate asked and obtained to be substituted, as Project Coordinator, by another member of her laboratory, Dott. Mario Paolucci.

### Program and Steering Committees (excerptum)

*ESSA conferences since 2001.*

*World Conferences of Social Simulation (WCSS) since 2005.*

*Autonomous Agents and Multi Agent Systems (AAMAS) Conference.*

*International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAIL)*

*Regulated Agent-Based Social Systems: Theories and Applications (RASTA)*

*Steering Committee of Multi Agent Based Simulation (MABS) Workshops since 1998.*

*German Conference Series on MultiAgent system Technologies (MATES), since 2004*

*Modelling Autonomous Agents in a Multi Agent World (MAAMAW), 1992 – 1997.*

*SIMulating SOCieties (SimSoc) Symposia, 1992 - 1995.*

### Management and Evaluation Committees

2009 : **ACM SIGART** Autonomous Agents Research Award

2005 - : Projects under **6<sup>th</sup> EU FW**, in SSH and Complexity Calls.

2002 - : **ESSA (European Association for Social Simulation)**, <http://www.essa.eu.org/>

2001 - : **Public national competitions** for Starting Scientist contracts and positions.

1998 – 1999: **AgentLink 1** Network of Excellence; <http://www.agentlink.org/admin/docs/1998/1998-012.txt>

1998: : Board of Priority of **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)**, UK, in the area of Complexity.

### Journals Advisory Boards

2010 - : **Polis** (Politica e Istituzioni) – Journal publ. by *Fondazione Ugo Bordon*

2000 - : **Sistemi Intelligenti** – Journal publ. by *Il Mulino*.

1998 - : **JASSS** – *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*, publ. By Univ. of Surrey, UK.

### Reviewer (excerptum)

*Computational and Mathematical Organisation Theory, IEEE Computer Journal, The Computer Journal, American Journal of Sociology, Current Anthropology, Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, AI & Society, Topics in Cognitive Science, Cognitive Systems Research, Social Networks, Etc.*

### Technical-Scientific Committees Member

2002–2005: Complex Systems Network of Excellence (EXYSTENCE) EU 5° FW, (complexity, under Future Emergent Technologies (FET)),

2001–2004: AgentLink II: Network of Excellence for Agent Based Computing, EU 5° FW,(under Information Technology (IST)).

1998–2001: AgentLink I.

1998–2001: European Special Interest Group ABSS - Agent Based Social Simulation (Coordinator), within Network of Excellence AgentLink II

1998- : SIMSOC consortium for the promotion of social simulation.

1994-1996: Working Group 8319 "ModelAge" (Modelling Agents), Basic Research Actions, EU 5° FW.

### Chair of International Scientific Events

2000 (September): *International Conference on Modelling and Simulating cultural Transmission and Evolution*, Certosa di Pontignano, Siena 3-4 settembre, 2000

1998 (June): *First International Workshop on Multi Agent Based Simulation*, at International Conference on Multi Agent Systems (ICMAS), Paris.

1997 (September): ICCS&SS I – *First International Conference on Computer Simulation and the Social Sciences*, Cortona, Italy, settembre 1997

1996 (December): *Norms, Obligations, Conventions*, International Workshop (WK 5) a ICMA 96, Keyanna Plaza, Kyoto, Japan.

1993 (July): International Symposium on *Approaches to Simulating Social Phenomena and Social Processes*, Certosa di Pontignano, Siena, Italy, (II Simulating Societies (SimSoc) Symposium).

1991 (December): International Conference on **“Dilemmas of Democracy. Social and Cognitive Sciences sociali facing the contradictions of democracy and of its models“**. In collaboration with *Fondazione Gramsci*, CNRS and *La Maison des Sciences de l'Homme*. Rome, CNR, Aula Marconi.

### International Tutorials and Summer Schools

- 2010 (September): Course on *Normative Agents* at the 1<sup>st</sup> ESSA Summer School, Univ. Brescia, Dept. of Social Sciences.
- 2008 (July): Course on *Norms in Multi Agent Systems*, Social Cognition Summer School, Univ. of Quebec in Montreal.
- 2002 (July): Tutorial on “*Reputation Mechanisms in Multiagent Systems*” at *First International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi Agent Systems*, AAMAS, Bologna
- 2001 (May-June): Tutorial on “*Image & Reputation Among Autonomous Agents*”, *Fifth International Conference on Autonomous Agents*, Montreal, Canada.
- 1999 (July): Course on “*Social Simulation and Artificial Societies*” at *First European Agent Systems Summer School (EASSS’99)*, Utrecht, NL.

### Tutor of Fellows and PHD students

- 2010: Postdoctoral Visiting, Dr. Daniel Villatoro from CSIC; Barcelona, Spain.
- 2010: Postdoctoral Visiting, Dr. Francisco Moreno, from Univ. Of Valencia, Spain.
- 2010 - : Postdoctoral Visiting, Barbara Sonzogni, From Faculty of Sociology, Univ. La Sapienza, Rome.
- 2007-9: Dott. Metodologia della Ricerca Sociale, Univ. Of Catania; coordinatore: Giovanni Gennaro; tutors: Giovanni Gennaro, Rosaria Conte; PhD student: Dr. Valentina Punzo, Th. “*La Teoria Generale del Crimine fra Razionalità Classica e Prospect Theory. Un Tentativo di Simulazione MultiAgent Based*”.
- 2006-9: Dott. Scienza Cognitiva, Univ. Of Padova; coordinatore: Remo Job; tutor: Rosaria Conte; candidate: Dr. Gennaro Di Tosto, Th. “*Cooperation through communication: Agent-based models and experimental results.*”
- 2006- 8: Dott. Scienza Cognitiva, Logica e Informatica, Univ. Of Siena; Coordinatore: Sandro Nannini; Tutor: Rosaria Conte; PhD student: Dr. Paolo Turrini, Th. “*A Formal Approach to Responsibility in Multi Agent Systems*”
- 2003- 5: Dott. Dipartimento Elettronica e Telecomunicazioni, Univ. di Firenze,; coordinatore: Dino Giuli; tutors: Rosaria Conte, Paolo Bussotti, candidato Dr. Mario Paolucci, Th. “*Reputation as a complex cognitive artefact: theory, simulations, experiments*”.
- 1994-1996: PhD student (Dr. Jaime S. Sichman) from LIFIA Univ. Of Grenoble, France, Th. “*Social reasoning about multiagent systems*”.

### Invited Talks and Lectures (excerptum)

- 2010 (Sept. 17): “*Dynamic of (Il)legality*”, *European Complex Systems Conference (ECCS)*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2010 (July 7-9): “*From Norm Emergence to Norm Internalization*”, *Deon 2010: 10th International Conference on Deontic Logic in Computer Science*, Fiesole, EUI.
- 2010 (July 6<sup>th</sup>): “*From Norm Adoption to Thoughtless Conformity*”, *European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action Workshop on Norm Compliance*, Fiesole, EUI.
- 2009 (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>): “*Reputation in Evolution. What the ethnography of gossip can tell electronic institutions*”, *International Conference SICOSSYS (Simulation of Complex Social systems)*, Univ. Of Sevilla.
- 2009 (May 18-19): “*The mental fitness of institutions. An agent based approach*”, *Conference on The Evolution of Institutions*, Fiesole, EUI.
- 2009 (March): “*Reputation in Evolution*”, *1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Reputation*, Gargonza, Italy.
- 2008 (February): “*Agent Theory: A Missing Requirement of Generative Social Science*”, Centre de Science Cognitive, CNRS, Lion, Fr.
- 2008 (April): “*Directions of Emergence. Reputation and Social Norms*”, *Artificial Intelligence and Social Behaviour (AISB) Convention*, Aberdeen, UK.
- 2007 (November): “*Agent Theory: A Missing Requirement of Generative Social Science*”, *Agent Conference*, Chicago, NorthWestern Univ., USA.
- 2006 (October 3-6): “*From Simulation to Theory (and Backward)*”, *International Workshop on Epistemological Perspectives On Simulation*, Univ. Brescia.
- 2003 (December): “*Vampire Bats & The Micro-Macro Link*”; Topical Workshop

- on **“Agent-Based Computational Modelling”**, Vienna Institute of Demography.
- 2002 (July): **“A Plea for Complexity. The Role of Meta-Beliefs for Social Theory”**, International Workshop **“Sociophysics”**, Zentrum fuer Interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZIF) Univ. of Bielefeld, Germany.
- 2002 (December): **“Reputation Transmission for Partner Selection”** International Conference on **“How to scientifically approach culture?”** Stanford Univ., CA, Dept. of Anthropology.
- 2001 (October): **“Agent-based modeling for understanding social intelligence”** **“Adaptive Agents, Intelligence and Emergent Human Organization: Capturing Complexity Through Agent-Based Modeling”**, National Academy of Sciences, Beckman Center, Irvine, California.
- 2000 (September): **“Necessity of Intelligent Agents for Social Simulation”** at ICCS&SS II, Second International Conference on Computer Simulation and the Social Sciences, Paris, Ecole Normale Supérieure.
- 2000 (October): **“Intelligent Social Agents”**, Dept. of Complex Systems, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2000 (July): **“Intelligent Agents in Participatory Policy Making”**, EAWAG, Zurich.
- 1996 (March): **“Modelling Autonomous Agents”** Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Bremen, Germany.
- 1999 (June): **“Memes Through (Social) Minds”**; King's College Conference **“Do memes account for culture?”**, Cambridge, UK.
- 1997 (May): **“Diversity in rationality”**, Schloss Dagstuhl Seminar on **“Microsimulation and the social sciences: The analysis of sensitivity”**.
- 1997 (May): **“Computational models of rational and cognitive agents”** at the 5<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on Cognitive Science, ICCS-97, Univ. Donostia - San Sebastián (Spain).
- 1996 (June): **“Cooperation in One-shot Interaction”** at the 6<sup>o</sup> International Conference on Social Dilemmas, Waassenaar, NL, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study.