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Meet Dr. Sara Podio-Guidugli

Dr. Sara Podio-Guidugli recently completed her PhD at CIRMPA : Inter-University Centre for the Study of the Genesis and Development of Prosocial and Antisocial Motivations; Centre for the Promotion of Innovation and Efficiency in Organisations and Educational Contexts, University of Rome Sapienza Faculty of Medicine and Psychology. She defended a thesis concerning Filipina immigrant mothers of the Roman community. She investigated the interplay among personal values, acculturation processes and parental warmth, as well as qualitative data derived from participant observation of the Filipina community. (read more below).

Selected Publications

Barbaranelli, C., Vecchione, M., Fida, R., Podio-Guidugli, S. (2011). Estimating the prevalence of adult problem gambling in Italy with SOGS and PGSI. *Journal of Gambling Studies*. (Accepted).

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The thesis is titled “Personal values in a context of acculturation: a study on a sample of Filipina immigrants mothers in Rome.” The sample was selected by means of a previous contact with prominent members of religious and lay communities and with members of the Filipino political staff.

This work descends from Dr. Podio-Guidugli’s master’s degree in Developmental Psychology, in which she tested a sample constituted by mother-child dyads concerning disciplinary practices and cultural normativeness.

The aim of her work is to promote integration in multicultural societies for adults and youngsters as well as a deeper understanding of relevant ethnographic issues and differences and similarities by cross-cultural comparisons.

Overall, her principal interests are on the adaptive versus maladaptive coping strategies that surround immigration phenomena, focusing on acculturation processes. Her main interests are cross-cultural psychology, social psychology, developmental psychology and personality psychology. She has been training and developing skills in **the study of infant drawing**- she wrote her bachelor thesis on this topic and other clinical aspects of developmental psychology.