

15 to 18 April, 2013

Department  
of Human Studies  
LUMSA University  
(Rome, Italy)  
Piazza delle Vaschette 101

Monday, April 15  
Morning - 9.00

## International Joint Seminar

LUMSA University, Department of Human Studies  
and  
Hong Kong Institute of Education, Department of Early Childhood Education

# EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SOCIETY IN ROME AND HONG KONG

### *Welcoming Address*

**Giuseppe Dalla Torre**, Rector, LUMSA University  
**Consuelo Corradi**, Chair, Department of Human Studies

9.30

### *Presentations on the General Theme*

Chair: **Consuelo Corradi**

**Raniero Regni**, *The Discipline of Liberty: Montessori and the Tao of Pedagogy*

**Sue Grieshaber**, *Cultural, societal, policy influences on curriculum*

**Caterina Fiorilli**, *Between burnout and well-being: reflections on the Italian School system*

**Sam Leung**, *English language education in Hong Kong: an overview of policies and practices*

Afternoon - 3.30-5.30

Roundtable: *Theme 1 - Freedom and Discipline in Early Childhood Education*

Chair: **Sam Leung**

**Paul S.S. Wong**, *Facing problematic issues and striving for the best: Early childhood education in Hong Kong*

**Mario Pollo**, *The dialectic between desire and limit in the constitution of the human*

**Sophia Foo**, *Teacher training in Italy and Hong Kong: differences and similarities*

Tuesday, April 16  
Morning

Afternoon - 3.30-6.30

### *School Visits*

Roundtable: *Theme 2 - Language, learning and development in early childhood*

Chair: **Lisa Arduino**

**Lornita Wong**, *Bilingual development of linguistic minority preschoolers in Hong Kong*

**Andrea Fossati**, *Mentalization deficits in borderline personality disorder: a developmental perspective*

**Pansy Tam**, *Redesigning language experience approach for enhancing the vocabulary instruction in Hong Kong kindergartens*

**Lisa Arduino**, *The role of hemispheric development in the spatial representation of words*

**Chiara Valeria Marinelli**, *Does reading and spelling acquisition vary in function of orthographic consistence? Evidences from cross-linguistic studies*

Wednesday, April 17  
Morning

Afternoon - 3.30-6.30

### *School Visits*

Roundtable: *Theme 3 - School Leadership and Management*

Chair: **Sue Grieshaber**

**Paul Y. H. Wong**, *Hardiness and subjective well-being: An empirical study of Hong Kong early childhood teachers*

**Nicoletta Rosati**, *Cooperative Learning in Early Childhood inspirations*

**Andrea De Dominicis**, *The school as an open system: managerial temptations and leadership inspirations*

**Paula Benevene** and **Antonio Callea**, *Organizational wellbeing among employees of social service organizations: a comparison between the public and the nonprofit sectors*

Thursday, April 18

Morning - Room 12, Floor 1  
9.00 to 11.00

Conclusions - *Implementing future collaboration between LUMSA and HKIEd*

Chairs: **Consuelo Corradi** and **Sam Leung**