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EDUCATION

24/10/2018	Master Degree in Clinical Developmental Psychology (LM-51) University of Padua Thesis: Facial mimicry and sensorimotor simulation in the representation of facial expressions in visual working memory: an electroencephalographic study Final grade: 110 cum laude
21/09/2016	Bachelor Degree in Science and Techniques of Cognitive Psychology (L-24) University of Trento Final grade: 105/110
July 2013	Secondary school diploma: Languages High School Liceo Ginnasio Virgilio, Mantova Grade: 86/100

ACADEMIC GRANTS

Nov 2019 – Apr 2020	Research Scholarship: Research Assistant position for the project “Could visual consciousness be ‘imbued’ with sensorimotor qualities? Searching for the neural correlate(s) of conscious perception of emotional faces” Institution: University of Padua Advisor: Prof. Paola Sessa
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TEACHING ACTIVITY

May 2018 – May 2019	“Electrophysiology of cognitive processes” workshop, practical activity in the EEG laboratory
June 2019 – to date	Co-supervisor of Master Thesis (4 MSc completed)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current position	PhD student in Cognitive, Social and Affective Neuroscience (CoSAN) Social and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab at “La Sapienza” University of Rome
Nov 2019 – Apr 2020	Research Assistant Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology, University of Padua Topic: “Could visual consciousness be ‘imbued’ with sensorimotor qualities? Searching for the neural correlate(s) of conscious perception of emotional faces. Supervisor: Prof. Paola Sessa. Duration: 5 months.
May 2019 – Nov 2019	Post-lauream internship (second semester) Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology, University of Padua Topic: “distance empathy”: I collected data using the EEG to demonstrate that the empathic distance to a target can be abstracted from the perception of physical distance with the same target. Supervisor: Prof. Paola Sessa. Duration: 6 months.
Nov 2018 – May 2019	Post-lauream internship (first semester) Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology, University of Padua Topic: the link between dehumanization and empathy, tested through EEG. Supervisor: Prof. Paola Sessa. Duration: 6 months.
Nov 2017- Jun 2018	Pre-lauream internship Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology, University of Padua Topic: facial mimicry and sensorimotor simulation in the representation of facial expressions in visual working memory: an electroencephalographic study. Supervisor: Prof. Paola Sessa. Duration: 7 months.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

LANGUAGE	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING	LISTENING
English	Excellent	Very good	good	Very good
Spanish	Very good	good	good	Very good
French	Very good	good	good	Very good

ATTENDED COURSES

25/05/2018	“Elettrofisiologia dei processi cognitive, intersoggettività e risonanza neurale”, software Brain Vision Analyzer.
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

ERPs

Basic use of EEG analysis software:

- Fieldtrip
- BrainVision Analyzer
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Basic use of experiment design software:

- E-Prime
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THESIS AND PUBLICATIONS

Master thesis

Facial mimicry and sensorimotor simulation in the representation of facial expressions in visual working memory: an electroencephalographic study.
Supervisor: Prof.ssa Paola Sessa

International Conference

Poster presentation

Chiara Cantoni, Schiano Lomoriello A., Meconi F., Sessa P., 'Close to Me': neural empathic reactions are reduced by physical distance and barriers between the observer and someone in pain. 'The Feeling brain', XXVII Congress of Società Italiana di Psicofisiologia e Neuroscienze Cognitive (SIPF). Ferrara, 14th – 16th November 2019

Chiara Cantoni, Schiano Lomoriello A., Sessa P., *Neural empathic reactions to pain and touch are reduced by physical barriers between two individuals*. Cognitive Science Arena – Brixen, 7-8 February 2020.

Talk

Chiara Cantoni, Schiano Lomoriello A., Sessa P., *Neural empathic reactions to pain and touch are reduced by physical barriers between two individuals*. Cognitive Science Arena – Brixen, 7-8 February 2020.

Paper submitted/
in preparation

Schiano Lomoriello, A., **Cantoni, C.**, Han, S., Ferrari, P. F. & Sessa, P. (manuscript in preparation for "Social Neuroscience Journal"). A transparent plexiglass is enough to reduce neural empathic responses.

Cantoni, C., Vaes, J., & Sessa, P. (manuscript in preparation for "Giornale Italiano di Psicologia"). La relazione tra deumanizzazione e empatia.