

## Serge Moscovici

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### **2003 Balzan Prize for Social Psychology**

*Serge Moscovici's works are characterized by their great novelty: they have overthrown the canonical paradigms of the discipline, renewed its methods of research and its orientations, and created a European tradition in social psychology whose originality is recognized everywhere. In the sciences of man and society, Serge Moscovici is in the position of eminence, which, until the end of the 1960s, was held by Jean Piaget.*

### **Institution Administering Research Funds:**

Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme

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### **Social Psychology**

The research projects that Serge Moscovici has carried out with the second half of the 2003 Balzan Prize for social psychology will have beneficial effects on social psychology at the international level.

The general principle was to stimulate research in countries where it was otherwise difficult to achieve training and scientific communication. The first strategy was to help setting up research centres in different parts of the world. In the first instance this involved helping groups of researchers to create centres at universities, such as the Universidade de Brasília, where the Centro Internacional de Pesquisa em Representações e Psicologia Social "Serge Moscovici" has been established. Secondly centres of research were established in cooperation with other centres, such as Professor Ida Galli's Centro Mediterraneo per lo studio delle Rappresentazioni Sociali at the Università di Napoli "Federico II". Finally, centres were set up in cooperation with funding from another foundation, e.g. a centre in Sao Paulo, which obtained funds from the Fundação Carlos Chagas. The second strategy was to help researchers across

the world, e.g. in Mexico or in Italy. The third strategy was to help some researchers who explored a specific topic.

In carrying out these projects, the Balzan Prizewinner brought together colleagues and young researchers from all the countries already associated with the Laboratoire Européen de Psychologie Sociale (LEPS) in Paris. This laboratory, created more than thirty years ago within the framework of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, is an international network conceived to support and coordinate the activities of various research groups in social psychology. To this end it dealt with ensuring regular contacts between researchers on topics related to the problems, concerns and the transformations of contemporary European societies, stimulating exchanges in the field of psychosocial analysis, developing joint research, analyzing results obtained in the field of the theory of social representations, and taking part in the organization of international meetings. Its activities also included the publication of articles and books dealing with various theoretical and social questions.

- The Social Representation of Marxism  
Coordinators: Serge Moscovici and Denise Jodelet  
Topic: One of these studies focused on the social representation of Marxism. Serge Moscovici began studying the diffusion of Marxism approximately twenty years ago. Thanks to the second half of the Balzan Prize, this research was to be taken up again by the Prizewinner, with the collaboration of Denise Jodelet, Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS).
- An Exemplary Ethnic Minority: The Case of the Gypsies  
Coordinators: Juan Antonio Pérez and Nikos Kalampalikis  
Topic: The problem of ethnic minorities which seek to express their identity, by becoming protagonists in the playing out of their own destiny. This has preoccupied researchers from many countries and has attracted the attention of many international institutions. Serge Moscovici has concentrated his focus on this culturally rooted and wandering ethnic minority. Juan Pérez, ordinary Professor at the Universitat de València, and Nikos Kalampalikis, lecturer at the Université Lumière Lyon 2, have collected 1400 questionnaires in seven European countries.
- In comparison, but on a more modest scale, a similar study was undertaken with regard to the Indians by Professor Campos in Brazil.
- Ida Galli (Università di Napoli "Federico II") coordinated research in social

psychology in the countries of Southern and Mediterranean Europe at the Centro Mediterraneo per lo studio delle Rappresentazioni Sociali (2005).

- Risa Permanadeli (Universitas Katolik Atmajaya Jakarta, Indonesia, Ganeca Foundation) was to animate scientific networks on social representations with the countries of Southeast Asia at the “Foundation of Center of Social Representations Studies” (2005).

Serge Moscovici furthermore earmarked the following projects for financing with the second part of his Balzan Prize:

- studies on the representations of Alter-mondialism. The group of young researchers were directed by Professor Jean-Claude Abric, Université de Provence, Aix-Marseille I;
- a joint psychosocial research project on the rights of the child, led by Professors Francesca Emiliani and Luisa Molinari of the Università di Bologna;
- a psychological health study carried out by Professor Sylvia Valencia, Universidad de Guadalajara;
- a modest part of the archival organizational work of professor Lavinia Betea, lecturer in the Faculty of Political Science at the Universitatea din București which concerned psycho-biographies of leaders of the Romanian Communist Party;
- a one year Ph.D. fellowship awarded to Luciana Radut who prepared a social psychology doctoral thesis: “The representations of European construction. Between the Central Europe and Eastern Europe”.

### **Conferences:**

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The financing of the Balzan Foundation was an occasion of professional and intellectual growth for the young researchers engaged in the various courses of research and makes it possible at the same time to better understand certain psychosocial problems.

**Researchers:**

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**Links:**

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