



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities (NOVA FCSH)

RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Argumentation, Cognition and Language Lab (ArgLab) - <https://ifilnova.pt/en/laboratories/arglab/>

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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Maria Grazia Rossi (Ph.D. in Cognitive Science, 2012) works as a senior researcher and invited assistant professor of communication at the Nova School of Social Science and Humanities, Lisbon, Portugal. Her current research focuses on the analysis of doubt and uncertainty in healthcare communication. Her previous studies were on the role of metaphors as argumentative tools to foster patient understanding. She worked on misunderstandings and analyzed the role played by framing strategies (e.g., metaphors, emotive words) as tools fostering shared understanding and decision-making in healthcare communication. She has published a monograph, edited books and several papers in major international journals, e.g. Journal of Pragmatics, Health Communication, Pancreatology, BMJ Open.

5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Rossi, M. G., Mohammed, D., & Bigi, S. (2024). Exploring the argumentative potential of doubt in medical consultations. College Publications.
- Bigi, S., & Rossi, M. G. (Eds.). (2023). A Pragmatic Agenda for Healthcare Fostering inclusion and active participation through shared understanding. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/pbns.338>
- Mohammed, D., & Rossi, M. G. (2022). The Argumentative Potential of Doubt: From Legitimate Concerns to Conspiracy Theories About COVID-19 Vaccines - The Pandemic of Argumentation. In S. Oswald, M. Lewiński, S. Greco, & S. Villata (Eds.) (pp. 125–144). Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-91017-4_7
- Rossi, M. G., Macagno, F., & Bigi, S. (2022). Dialogical functions of metaphors in medical interactions. Text and Talk, 42(1), 77–103. <https://doi.org/10.1515/text-2019-0166>
- Rossi, M. G., & Macagno, F. (2020). Coding Problematic Understanding in Patient–provider Interactions. Health Communication, 35(12), 1487–1496. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2019.1652384>

PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

Uncertainty and doubt in healthcare communication

Uncertainty in healthcare is a multifaceted phenomenon that appears in diverse forms and requires different management strategies. Uncertainty nourishes hesitancy and negatively impacts trustworthy relationships with healthcare authorities on an interpersonal and public basis. The project aims at exploring a specific dimension of uncertainty in health controversies and focus on how doubts are expressed by patients/citizens and managed by healthcare professionals and experts.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)



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