

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DAY 1

11 November 2011

General Conference

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRENDS

(organisation: SOCIUS-ISEG and the Representation of the European Commission in Portugal)

DAY 2

12 November 2011

International Seminar

REGULATION, ACCREDITATION AND SPECIALISATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN EUROPE

(organisation: SOCIUS-ISEG, the SPPC and the European Parliament Office in Portugal)

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The reason of the Professional Regulation International Conference arose from puzzlement: European Union is implementing policies promoting professional deregulation, at the same time as the introduction of new forms of regulation is limiting professional bodies, which are growing, following the increasing number of professionals.

In Portugal, the pressure of professional groups on the political decision-makers has led to the legislators' discretionary foundation of self-regulating bodies, which in turn led to the creation of a specific legislation to regulate self-regulating bodies, by Law nr. 6/2008.

Like in other countries belonging to the European Continental pattern of professional regulation, in Portugal, a professional group that becomes a self-regulating body, this is a public professional association (PPA), acquires a monopoly over professional regulation. This monopoly implies an important professional empowerment and an inherent ambiguity of interests, given that while the State charges the PPA with the mission to defend the public interest; PPA represents at the same time the interests of the affiliated members.

There are currently 18 Portuguese PPA and more than 10 professional groups (archaeologists, biochemichals, designers, landscape architects, physiotherapists, teachers, social workers, etc.) pursuing the objective of acquiring the PPA status and thereby gain greater influence, which in this country is also visible through a significant exposure in mass media. In this sense, some professional groups announce this objective in the official name of the voluntary professional association. This is the case for instance of the *Pró-Ordem Psychologists Association* which was the precursor of the *Ordem of Portuguese Psychologists*, created in 2008.

The organisers believe that this first international conference on professional regulation may give an important contribution to the understanding of the systems of professional regulation trends and to their apparent contradictions. For that we count on the presentation of the work and reflections of sociologists and other experts of various geographical origins. We expect that other countries realities and a comparable approach will help us to analyze this subject with greater awareness.

The Professional Regulation International Conference will contribute to the knowledge of the quality of democracy in the extent to which it will enable us to understand the evolution of the relationship between professional groups and the State, and its effect on public policies and the economic and social well-being of the nation. In this sense, this conference is addressed, not only to the scientific community, but also to political decision-makers and organized professional groups.

This international conference aggregates one general conference where we will present and discuss national and international trends, and an international seminar focused on the psychologists in Europe in particular on the half next day.

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PROGRAM

9:30 a.m. – Welcome session

Paulo Sande (Director of the European Parliament Office in Portugal)

José Maria Carvalho Ferreira (President of SOCIUS-ISEG)

Morning session - Portugal: the increasing number of professional associations

Moderator: Tiago Fernandes (FCSH-UNL)

10:00 a.m. – **Raquel Rego** – the Portuguese case

10:20 a.m. – **Luísa Veloso** – methodological remarks

10:40 a.m. – Coffee break

11:00 a.m. – **Vital Moreira** – legal and political perspectives

11:20 a.m. - Debate

12:20 a.m. – Lunch break

Afternoon session - Other national and international trends

Moderator: Helena Serra (SOCIUS-ISEG)

2:00 p.m. - **Tracey Adams** – the Canadian case

2:20 p.m. – **Thomas Le Bianic** – the French case

3:00 p.m. – Coffee break

3:20 p.m. – **Julia Evetts** – European patterns of professional regulation

3:40 p.m. – Debate

4:40 p.m. – Closure

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PROGRAM

9:30 a.m. – Welcome session
Raquel Rego (SOCIUS-ISEG)
Jorge Gravanita (SPPC)

Session 1 - The regulation role of national psychologists' associations and the European harmonisation

Moderator: Isabel Prata (SPPC)

10:00 a.m. - **Pierangelo Sardi** - Evaluation psychology and psychotherapy

10:20 a.m. – Representative of the Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses **

10:40 a.m. - **Thomas Le Bianic** - The national impact of European regulations on a 'balkanized' profession : the case of French psychologists

11:00 a.m. - Debate

11:30 a.m. – Coffee break

Session 2 - The accreditation and specialization of psychologists in a European perspective

Moderator: Jorge Gravanita (SPPC)

11:50 a.m. –**Nady Van Broeck** – Psychology and psychotherapy in health care in Europe: a review of legal regulation in 17 European countries

12:10 a.m. - **Philippe Grosbois** – Psychotherapy: a legitimate independent profession, or a specialization? Stakes for a European health policy

12:30 a.m. – **Vítor Franco** - Short notes about the past, present and future of psychotherapists in Portugal

12:50 a.m. – Debate

1: 20 p.m. – **Jorge Gravanita** - Final commentary

1: 30 p.m. - Closure

** To be announced

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Place

The conference will be held at the Conference Room of the European Parliament Office in Portugal.

Address: Gabinete de Informação - Parlamento Europeu

Largo Jean Monnet, 1 – 6.º

Lisbon



Registration

Free admission but registration is required for logistic reasons.

Please send your name and institution affiliation to professionalregulation@gmail.com until 7 November.

Official language

The language of the conference is English.

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SHORT PRESENTATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Julia Evetts

Emeritus Professor of Sociology in the School of Sociology and Social Policy of the University of Nottingham. She has published, in 2002, "New directions in state and international professional occupations: Discretionary decision-making and acquired regulation", in *Work Employment Society*; and she was co-editor, last year, of *Sociology of Professions. Continental and Anglo-Saxon Traditions*.

Helena Serra

Assistant Professor of Sociology at the School of Economics and Management (ISEG), within the Technical University of Lisbon (UTL) and Senior Researcher at SOCIUS-ISEG where she also coordinates the Research Group on Science, Technology, Health and Professions.

Luísa Veloso

Research Fellow at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology from the Lisbon University Institute (CIES-IUL). She has coordinated sociological studies on the professional field ordered by Portuguese professional groups in order to support their candidature to the public professional association status, according to Law 6/2008.

Raquel Rego

Research Fellow at the Research Centre of Economic and Organizational Sociology from the School of Economics and Management (ISEG), within the Technical University of Lisbon. She is the first author of the entry "Professional associations", in Springers' 2009 *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*. She has also a Working Paper online since the beginning of the year entitled "Regulating self-regulating Professional associations: what changes in the Portuguese context with the Law 6/2008?".

Tiago Fernandes

Assistant Professor of political studies at the New University of Lisbon and author of the PhD dissertation entitled *Patterns of Civil Society in Western Europe, 1800-2000 - A Comparative and Historical Interpretation* concluded at the European University Institute in 2009.

Thomas Le Bianic

Maître de Conférences at the Université Paris Dauphine. He is the first author of "European regulation of professional education: the case of architects and psychologists in the European Union", published in the *European Societies*, in 2008, and also of "Professions and European integration: a case study of architects and psychologists", published in the *International Journal of Public Policy* last year.

Tracey Adams

Professor in the Department of Sociology of the University of Western Ontario. She is the author, in 2009, of "The changing nature of professional regulation in Canada, 1867-1961", published in the *Social Science History*, and the "Regulating professions in Canada: interprovincial differences across five provinces", published in the *Journal of Canadian Studies/Revue d'études canadiennes*.

Vital Moreira

Associate Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra. He is the author of *Administração Autónoma e Associações Públicas* (Autonomous Administration and Public Associations) in 2003, author of several legal opinions on the creation of professional self-regulating bodies, and currently a socialist eurodeputy.

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Founder member of the Portuguese Society of Clinical Psychology (SPPC). Psychologist specialized in psychotherapy. Psychoanalyst.

Jorge Gravanita

Founder member of the Portuguese Society of Clinical Psychology (SPPC). Former member of the Installing Committee of Ordem dos Psicólogos Portugueses. Former member of the EFPA Standing Committee on Psychotherapy. Current member of the European Network Psychotherapeutic Care.

Nady Van Broeck

Professor of clinical psychology at the Catholic University of Louvain, programme director of the POC Postgraduation in psychotherapy at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences. Current member of the EFPA Standing Committee on Psychotherapy.

Pierangelo Sardi

Former President Ordine Nazionale Psicologi Italiani. Member of the Italian commission for the evaluation of the officially recognised schools of psychotherapy. Psychological psychotherapist from the Italian Network of Psychologists' Associations.

Philippe Grosbois

Representative for psychotherapy in the French Federation of Psychologists and Psychology. Senior lecturer at the Institut de Psychologie et Sociologie Appliquées Université Catholique de l'Ouest – Angers. Former responsible of the Psychotherapy Committee of the French Trade Union of Psychologists. Current member of the EFPA Standing Committee on Psychotherapy and of the Council of the International Federation of Psychotherapy.

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