



Welcoming words to the **ISCAR 2025** **Southern Europe and Middle East conference**

Towards Equity, Peace and Sustainability in time of Crisis



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Welcoming session

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Keynote Speakers

Prof. Sylvie Barma, Université Laval, Québec
 Raymond Gervais prize for the excellence and academic
 academic trajectory in science and technology
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 Former ISCAR president (2017-2024). Elected board
 member of the Ioannina University. Director of an
 international master's program on One Health
 Education for Global Sustainability with George
 Mason University and University of Florida.





Before introducing the logistics parts, let's take some perspective :

- **Axiology** (greek *axi* "value, worth"): the why of the ISCAR SEME 2025 conference and the research community

"centrality of a value-laden ideological/ethical commitment as a 'natural' grounding for development (where human nature is understood as a *historical becoming*)"

(Stetsenko, 2008, p. 483)

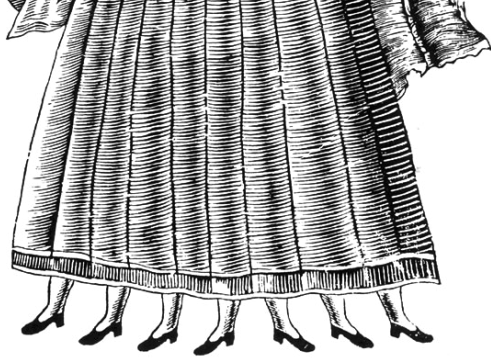
"communities engaged in actions for equity and sustainability are the natural allies of schools if we are to develop engagement beyond individual self-interest" (Sannino, Engeström & Lemos, 2016)



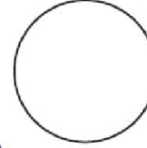
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- **Ontology** (greek *ontos* "to be") : the nature of the ISCAR SEME and the sociocultural research
- **Epistemology** (greek *episteme* "knowledge and *logos* "study of") : advancing scientific knowledge from a sociocultural perspective

A community with shared values and a diversity of voices, valuing the (epistemological and ontological) pluralism of their members and their individual development in their research journey



Modern Ontology
(Positivism)



a.
Singularity
(One)

Postmodern Ontology
(Relativism)



b.
Discontinuity
(Many)

Integral Ontology
(Pluralism)



c.
Multiplicity
(One and Many)

“Epistemological pluralism recognizes that, in any given research context, there may be several valuable ways of knowing, and that accommodating this plurality can lead to more successful integrated study” (Miller et al. 2008)

“methodological tribalism” vs

“pluralistic coexistence” as a way to foster dialogue and “innovative methodological cross-fertilization” in the spirit of “openness” and “constructive criticism” (Lamont & Swidler 2014)


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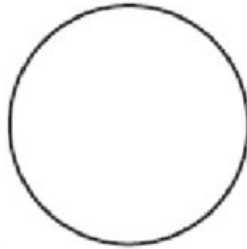
*Bridging CHAT and computational neurosciences... you crazy
epistemological bastard!*

*Two-faced insect! Ektoplasma! Dry-dock sailor! Miserable
blundering barbecued blister!*



*Captain, epistemological
pluralists are humans too!*

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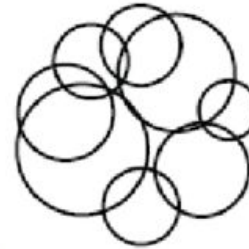
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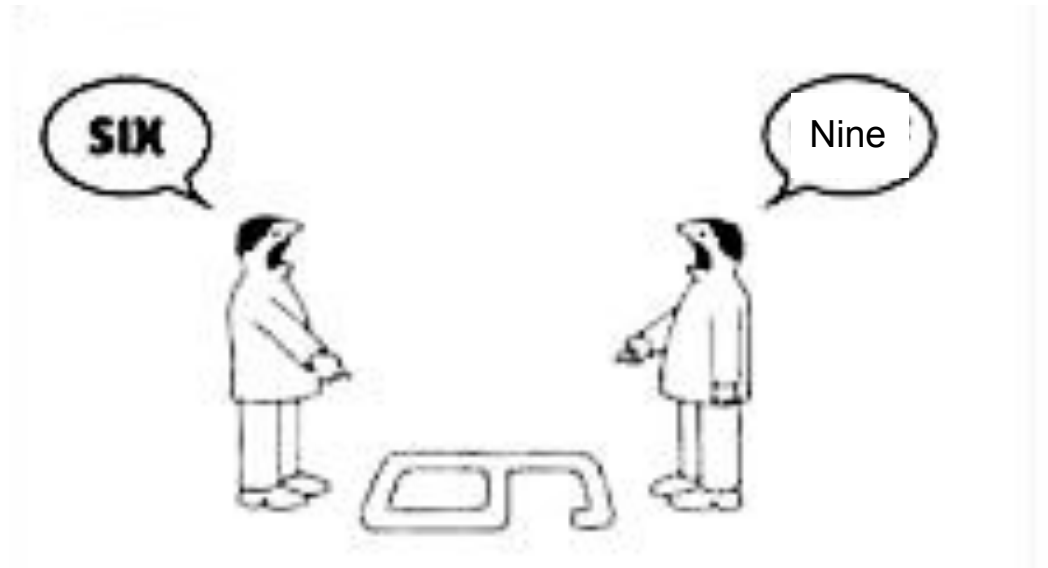
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“To understand another’s speech, it is not sufficient to understand his words – we must understand his **thought**.”

Lev Vygotsky (1896-1934)



Organisational aspects and logistics





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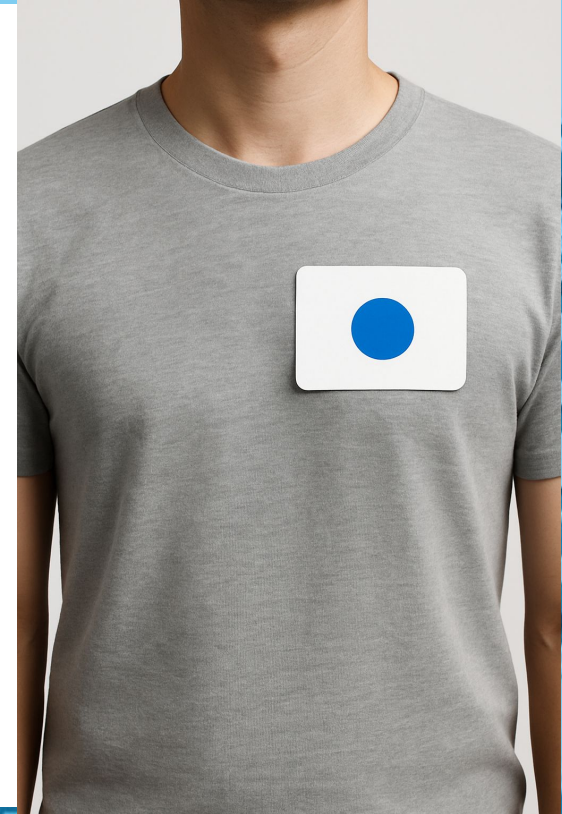
<https://easychair.org/smart-program/ISCAR2025BCN/>

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Album

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In case you want to avoid photographs, please indicate at the registration, and you will have an orange dot on your badge. We ask any participant taking photos to be careful to not take pictures of the persons who have chosen to have an orange dot on their badge.



You can refill your bottle in the watering stations at different locations on the campus.

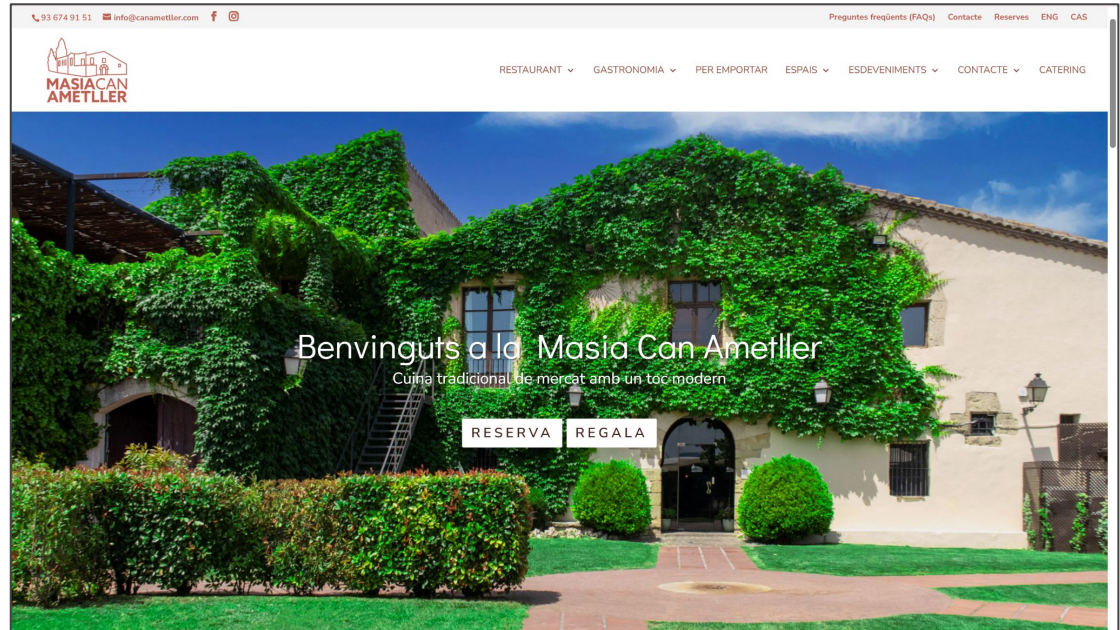


For those who have registered,
the Gala Dinner is on THU at
19:30.

The walk from UIC is
approximately 7 minutes.

Departure at 19h10 from UIC.

Dietary constraints
(2 persons)





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