



Motor Resonance and the Sociability of Discourse

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My talk discusses the chances and handicaps of a research program that founds social acts and social formations on motor system in an individual brain. As an extension of mirror neuron and resonance theory, from solitary action to interpersonal interaction through verbal communication, this program is considered to be alternative to standard cognitive theory of mind. In a two-way approach, I'll try catching such proposal in a pincer movement between Th. Lipps' unconvincing derivation of social acts from *Einfühlung* tendency, on the one hand, and recent developments in neuroscience towards neural correlates of changing ones' point of view, on the other. "Everything's in the brain" remains the neuroscientist's motto: taking him at his word while keeping to A. Reinach's concept of a "social act" contingent to the other's reception, I foresee intractable paradoxes in a brain, the bearer not only of the locutor's mental states, but of a polyphonic experience implying any other partner of the locutor's speech acts.

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