



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI  
DI TRENTO

Dipartimento di Psicologia  
e Scienze Cognitive

# Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science

## SEMINARY DiPSCo

**Mindreading and interpersonal attraction**

**MITCHELL PETER LAWRENCE**

**Faculty of Science - Nottingham UK**

**Coordinatore scientifico: Luca Surian**

Lots of research has investigated people's (especially autistic people's and typically developing children's) ability to read others' minds (so called 'theory of mind'). I will suggest that methods used to investigate such ability are not fit for purpose and here a more suitable method is proposed. This new method has better credentials in ecological validity; and it also enables us to enquire whether some people (targets) are more readable or less readable to other people (perceivers). The answer seems to be 'yes' and moreover it seems those who are more readable also tend to be perceived more favourably. Such a finding has important implications for autistic people, who, the evidence suggests, are both unreadable and tend not to be favoured by others.

Tuesday 23 October 2018, hours 13.00

Aula Magna – Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science - corso Bettini, 84 – Rovereto

### **Contacts**

Staff di Dipartimento - Psicologia e Scienze Cognitive  
tel. 0464 808608 - DipartimentoPSC@unitn.it