

Thursday 9th March 4pm – Maynooth University Psychology Department

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A Relational Frame Theory Approach to the Treatment of Alzheimer's and intellectual Disability.



Nanni Presti is Associate Professor in General Psychology at the Kore University of Enna in Sicily. His original degree was in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Catania. Following this, he specialised in Clinical Psychology at the University of Milan. He completed a PhD in Human Interactions at IULM Milan. Following several positions in Rome, Milan, California, and Jordan, he returned to Italy in 2013 to Kore University where he founded the KUBE lab (Kore University Behavioral Lab). The lab team

includes undergrad and graduate students investigating RFT based applications in special education, experiential avoidance tasks using the IRAP, and the effects of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). The areas of application of ACT range from traditional clinical settings to workplaces and from chronic pain to sports. Lab members are also contributing to the validation of ACT related scales and other clinical tools. There is a special focus on studying the integration of technology in clinical and education settings, collaborating with the School of Computer Science at Kore University of Enna, Behavioral Labs in Catania, the Department of Engineering of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, and CERN.