

## In Memoriam: Dr. Francesco Foroni

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Francesco Foroni (Australian Catholic University) in July 2023. Francesco was an integral part of the *British Journal of Social Psychology* editorial board, having joined as an Associate Editor in 2020 before stepping down earlier in 2023 due to illness.

Francesco served the journal with distinction over the past three years, and as current and previous Editors of the BJSP, we wish to share our condolences with his family and friends, as well as all who worked with him and learned from his contributions. We were incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Francesco on the journal and always remember his willingness to go above and beyond in his duties, and for being a genuinely kind and humble person. His wide-ranging expertise was instrumental in upholding the status of the journal as an outlet that publishes across the full spectrum of social psychological perspectives and methods. Many authors certainly benefitted from his scholarly, collegiate, and constructive decision letters. His passion for, and commitment to, social psychology was reflected in his work for the BJSP, as it was in his many other important academic contributions to the field and beyond.

The words below prepared by Professor Raffaella Rumiati, a close collaborator and friend of Francesco, were first published by the Italian Psychological Association and have been translated into English by Raffaella for publication in BJSP to honour Francesco's memory:

*On July 20 of this year, an aggressive tumor claimed the life of our dearest friend and colleague Dr. Francesco Foroni. He had just turned 50 last October. He was in Sydney, where he had moved with his wife Arianna in 2016 and where, at the Australian Catholic University, he had attained the position of Associate Professor in the School of Behavioural and Health Sciences, of which he was Deputy Head of School.*

*Before moving to Australia, he had worked as a Senior Research Fellow in my laboratory 'Neuroscience & Society', at the International School for Advanced Studies (known as SISSA) in Trieste, Italy, from 2012 to 2016. The School had received funding for the multidisciplinary project FoodCAST in which we aimed to study psychological factors affecting food choices and the underlying neural mechanisms. Francesco joined the project with contagious enthusiasm, together with Marilena Aiello, Giulio Pergola, Paola Mengotti, Elisabetta Ambron, and the PhD students who took turns in my lab during those years. Together we generated a very innovative and productive line of research, to which Francesco contributed with his passion for theoretical analysis but also with extremely accurate experimental skills. FoodCAST's core topics were also shared in two memorable summer schools with students and speakers from all over the world. In the Trieste period, he also collaborated with Andrea Carnaghi on the role of hormones in social cognition.*

*Francesco graduated in psychology from the University of Padua, and earned MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Oregon. In Trieste, however, he had come from the University of Utrecht. During his undergraduate training and during his Dutch sojourn he had worked on classical topics in social cognition, and in particular on automatic associations, responses and categories, collaborating with Myron Rothbart and Gün Semin, among others.*

*Those who knew Francesco came to appreciate the depth of his thinking, his intellectual correctness, his seriousness in supervising students, and also his fantastic baking skills. This*

*sudden and fatal event deprived me and all those in his network forever of his friendship and his critical and impartial voice.*