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Invitation to a guest-lecture by

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Title: The effect of affective states on humor appreciation

Day: Thursday, April 30, 2009

Time: 10-12 am

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Abstract

Over the last decade, sense of humor has increasingly been studied in the field known as positive psychology. However, this has not been accompanied by a clarification of the relevance that affective states may have in explaining and predicting humor responses. More specifically, there is a striking lack of conclusive findings about the role of affective states in predicting *humor appreciation*. According to theoretical postulates on the subject, affective states should have important connections with humor appreciation. The aim of this talk will be present these theoretical postulates, and to show the more relevant empirical results about them. Moreover, it will be presented a recent research occupied in to explore the causal connections between the valence and emotional activation and the humor appreciation.

Relevant references

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Short biography

- Actually teach Research Methods in Psychology at the University of Granada. Spain.
- Master in Clinical and Health Psychology.
- PhD in 2005, University of Granada, Spain. Doctoral Research: "Sense of humor: Construction of Humor Appreciation Scale"
- Topics of research: Humor appreciation; Spanish adaptation of the State-Trait-Cheerfulness- Inventory.