

Sami Hamdan, PhD: Head of the Master's degree program in educational psychology at the MTA (Academic College of Tel Aviv Jaffa). He is interested in the causes and prevention of youth and young adults' suicide and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI). In specific, his work has focused on the risk factors of suicide, including trauma, family history of suicide, impulsivity, health risk behaviors, sleep, and internet addiction in both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies. Recently, along with his research team, examining how does prolonged exposure to trauma increases the risk of suicide. In addition, His research interests investigate the unique risk factors of elderly suicide in terms of cultural and global aspects. Dr. Hamdan is a member of the National Council on suicide prevention.

EDUCATION:

| Term | Institution | Activity |
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| 2017-2018 | University of Pittsburgh, PA. Department of Psychiatry. | Sabbatical |
| 2010-2011 | University of Pittsburgh, PA. Department of Psychiatry. Western Psychiatric Institution and Clinic | Post-Doctoral Fellowship |
| 2004-2008 | Bar-Ilan University Israel | Ph.D. - Psychology |
| 1998-2001 | Ben-Gurion University, Israel | M.A- Psychology |

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2011-2014 | "Maof" Grant for excellence | The Council for higher education; Israel |
| 2009-2010 | Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards | United States-Israel Education Foundation; US |
| 2004-2008 | President's Doctoral Fellowships of Excellence Program | Bar Ilan University; Israel |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 2013- present | President of The Israeli Suicide Research Symposium (ISRS). |
| 2015- present | Member of The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) |
| 2012-present | Member of the International Academy of Suicide Research. |
| 2013-present | Member of the National Council for suicide prevention, Israel. |
| 2000-present | Israeli Psychological Association (IPA). |
| 2007-present | Senior Adviser-National program for Suicide Prevention, Israel. |

Selected publications

Conti, Y., Vatine, J. J., Levy, S., Levin Meltz, Y., Hamdan, S., & Elkana, O. (2020). Pain Catastrophizing Mediates the Association Between Mindfulness and Psychological Distress in Chronic Pain Syndrome. *Pain Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/papr.12899>

Hamdan, S., Berkman, N., Lavi, N., Levy, S., & Brent, D. (2020). The Effect of Sudden

Death Bereavement on the Risk for Suicide: The Role of Suicide Bereavement.
Crisis. <https://doi.org/10.1027/0227-5910/a000635>

Hamdan, S., & Peterseil-Yaul, T. (2020). Exploring the psychiatric and social risk factors contributing to suicidal behaviors in religious young adults. *Psychiatry Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2019.06.024>

Elkana, O., Conti, Y., Heyman, O., Hamdan, S., Franko, M., & Vatine, J. J. (2019). The associations between executive functions and different aspects of perceived pain, beyond the influence of depression, in a rehabilitation setting. *Neuropsychological Rehabilitation*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09602011.2019.1574590>

Sami, H., & Hallaq, E. (2018). Non-suicidal self-injury among adolescents and young adults with prolonged exposure to violence: The effect of post-traumatic stress symptoms. *Psychiatry Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2018.10.028>

Sami, H., Danielle, L., Lihi, D., & Elena, S. (2018). The effect of sleep disturbances and internet addiction on suicidal ideation among adolescents in the presence of depressive symptoms. *Psychiatry Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2018.03.067>

Courses

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Institute</u> |
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| ✓ Child and adolescent psychopathology (Master degree) | |
| ✓ Suicidal behaviors and non-suicidal self-injury in adolescence (Master degree) | |
| ✓ Abnormal Psychology (Master degree + undergraduate degree) | The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo; Israel |
| ✓ Suicidal behaviors (Master degree + undergraduate degree) | |
| ✓ Advanced Seminar in Childhood Psychopathology (Master degree) | |
| ✓ Suicide prevention (Empirical seminar) | |
| ✓ Health risk behaviors in adolescence and young adults – (Empirical seminar) | |
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS DURING THE LAST 3 YEARS

Abstracts: (Oral conference presentations)

- **Suicidal ideation among adolescents: How this related to Internet addiction?** 30th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention; Derry; Northern Ireland; September 2019
- **“The impact of suicide on bereaved families”;** 30th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention; Derry; Northern Ireland; September 2019.
- **“The role of communities in preventing suicide.”** Suicide prevention day conference; Tel-Aviv Yaffo; Israel, September 2019

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- **“The effect of sudden death bereavement on the risk for suicide: The role of suicide bereavement”**; 19th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry, Lisbon, Portugal, August 2019
- **“Suicidal risk in suicide bereaved family members”**; 3rd International Conference on Loss, Bereavement & Human Resilience in Israel and the World: Facts, Insights & Implications. Eilat, Israel, January 2019.
- **“The effect of sleep disturbances and internet addiction on suicidal ideation among adolescents in the presence of depressive symptoms”**: The 18th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry, Mexico City, Mexico, September 2018.
- **"Sleep and suicidal behavior in Adolescents"**: The STAR-Center's 30th Anniversary - Research Symposium; Pittsburgh, US, May 2017.
- **"Risk factors for suicide among Adolescents"**: 5th Israeli Suicide Research Symposium (**ISRS**), Tel Aviv, Israel, May 2017.