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CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Details

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2. Higher education

A. Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Period of Study	Name of Institution and Department	Degree	Year of Approval of Degree
2013-2019	University of Haifa – Department of Sociology	PhD	2019
2009-2012	University of Haifa – Department of Sociology	MA	2012
1995-1998	University of Haifa – Department of Sociology	BA	1998

2. Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
2021 - Present	Oranim Academic College and Teaching	Lecture
2020 - Present	Western Galilee College, Criminology department	Lecture

3. Offices in Academic Administration

The head of the cyber specialization in the department of Criminology, Western Galilee College

4. Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution

5. Participation in Scholarly Conferences

a. Active Participation

i. Local Conferences

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
*2025	Innovation and entrepreneurship conference in criminology During routine and emergency	Innovation and entrepreneurship conference in criminology During routine and emergency	Bias in AI Engines :comparative analysis of artificial intelligence models` responses to criminological issues: punishment recommendation and Labeling	presenter
*2025	Innovation and entrepreneurship conference in criminology During routine and emergency	Innovation and entrepreneurship conference in criminology During routine and emergency	Public perceptions of crime severity and attribution of responsibility of similar crimes committed in different spheres (physical, online and crimes involve AI)	presenter
*2024	Innovation and entrepreneurship conference in criminology During routine and emergency	Western Galilee college, Israel	Public perceptions about the police's use of facial recognition technologies	presenter
*2024	Research, Teaching and Creation	Oranim academic college and teaching	Gender differences in public perceptions of the seriousness of offline and online sexual harassment	presenter
2023	3 rd conference - Israeli association for Victimology	College of management	Public perceptions of the seriousness of offline and online sexual harassment	presenter
2018	Early research conference	University of Haifa - Israel	Gender based differences on the relationship between online risk activities and cyber victimization	presenter
2017	Criminology Association	Israel - Jerusalem	Who does what in the online sphere, and online vulnerability to victims of cybercrime: A longitudinal study examining the validity	presenter

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
			of lifestyle theory in the virtual sphere	
2016	Criminology Association	Israel - Jerusalem	Similarities and differences between men and women in similar age groups in involvement in risky online behaviors	presenter
2015	The 47th Conference of the Israeli Sociological Society	Israel	Gender differences in awareness and involvement in cyber space risk behaviors	presenter

ii. International Conferences

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
*2025	Eurocrim - ESC	Athens, Greece	A Multidimensional Approach to predict fear of online and offline crimes during wartime – Gender Based differences	presenter
*2024	International cyberspace conference	Brno, Masaryk University	A Multidimensional Approach to predict fear of online and offline crimes during wartime - Swords of Iron War, Israel	presenter
*2023	International cyberspace conference	Brno, Masaryk University	Indirect Victimization model and fear of online sexual victimization	presenter
*2023	International cyberspace conference	Brno, Masaryk University	Gender differences in public perceptions of the seriousness of offline and online sexual harassment	presenter
2015	International cyberspace conference	Brno, Masaryk University	Awareness of cybercrimes and involvement in risky online activities: gender-based differences	presenter

b. Organization of Conferences or Sessions

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Conference	Role
2016	Cybercrimes – the human aspect	University of Haifa	Cybercrimes – the human aspect	Organizer

6. Invited Lectures\ Colloquium Talks

Date	Place of Lecture	Name of Forum	Presentation/Comments

8. Research Grants

a. Grants Awarded

Role in Research	Co-Researchers	Topic	Funded by/ Amount	Year
Researcher	Prof. Gustavo Mesch, Ph.D Matias Duddle	Cybercrime Victimization	Research Fellowship - Ministry of Science and Technology. Israel – 780000 nis	2013
Researcher		Ph.D Excellence Scholarship	Graduate studies authority – University of Haifa	2013

b. Submission of Research Proposals – Pending

c. Submission of Research Proposals – Not Funded

Role in Research	Co-Researchers	Topic	Funded by	Year	Score
*Main researcher	Valeria Treshenkov	Offline and online crime and victimization: criminological aspects during war times - iron of swords - Israel	Western Galilee College	2025	
*Main researcher	Hagit Turgeman, Valeria Treshenkov	Perceptions of crime severity, perceived risk and attribution of responsibility of similar crimes committed in different spheres (physical sphere, online, crimes involve AI)	Western Galilee College	2025	

9. Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

10. Teaching

a. Courses Taught in Recent Years

Year	Name of Course	Type of Course	Degree	Number of Students
2020-present	Cybercrimes: Virtual reality or real virtuality	Lecture	BA students	20-40
2021-present	Cyber bullying	Research seminar	BA students	20
2021 - present	Cyber Criminology: from cyber terror to cyber bullying	Theoretical seminar	BA students	20
2021-present	Penology	Lecture	BA/MA students	17-112
2022 - present	Online sexual crimes	Lecture	BA students	100
2023* - present	Cyber victimology	Lecture	BA students	30
*2024 - present	Aggressiveness, violence and hate crimes	Theoretical seminar	MA students	13
*2024 - present	Victimization, fear of crime and victim – offender relationship	Lecture	MA students	8
*2024 - present	Cyber threats – criminological perspectives	Lecture	BA students	27

b. Supervision of Graduate Students

11. Miscellaneous

11. Professional Experience

2013 – present

The Hebrew Reali school – teaching Sociology and Mass Media for high school students, supervisor of student`s research works, home teacher for 10th grade students

2014 – present

A member in a team of matriculation exam writers in Mass Media - Ministry of Education

PUBLICATIONS

Inbal Lam, Ph.D.

A. Ph.D. Dissertation

Perceptual and Behavioral Risk Factors Associated with the Victimization of Personal Internet Users by Cybercrime in Israel: A Gender-Specific Analysis

Supervised by: Prof. Gustavo Mesch

University of Haifa

Faculty of Social sciences

Department of Sociology

2019, pp. 153

B. Scientific Books (Refereed)

A. Authored Books – Published

Authored Books - Accepted for Publication

B. Edited Books and Special Journal Issues – Published

Edited Books and Special Journal Issues - Accepted for Publication

C. Other Scientific Publications:

Published

Accepted for Publication

D. Articles in Refereed Journals

Published

1. *Lam, I., & Mesch, G. S. (2025). Gender differences in public perceptions of the seriousness of offline and online sexual harassment. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, 1-24. IF-1.5 Q2
2. *Mesch, G., & Lam, I. (2024). Public perceptions about the police's use of facial recognition technologies. *AI & SOCIETY*, 1-11. IF-4.7 Q2
Co-authoring similar parts with Prof. Gustavo Mesch
3. Lam, I., & Mesch, G. (2017). Gender differences in the correlation between awareness of cybercrime and involvement in risky online activities. *Megamot*, 52(2), 77-108. (Hebrew) (peer reviewed manuscript)

Accepted for Publication

E. Articles or Chapters in Scientific Books

(which are not Conference Proceedings)

Published

Accepted for Publication

F. Articles in Conference Proceedings

Published

Accepted for Publication

G. Entries in Encyclopedias

H. Other Scientific Publications

Published

Accepted for Publication

I. Other Publications

1. Newspaper (mako) article. <https://www.mako.co.il/special-articles/Article-ebcf76dc0778281027.htm>

J. Other Works Connected with my Scholarly Field

1. Co – founder (with Dr. Hagit Turjeman) of the cybercrime internship program at the Western Galilee college

K. Submitted Publications

L. Summary of my Activities and Future Plans

My PhD thesis is comprised of three articles dealing with various issues associated with the vulnerability of personal Internet users in Israel to the following cybercrimes: malware, identity theft, and economic fraud. This study examines differences in the risk factors for cyber victimization between various socio-demographic groups, focusing specifically on gender differences. The research presented in these articles has several interrelated goals aimed at providing a comprehensive understanding of cybercrime-related risk factors faced by Internet users.

The study presented in the first paper deals with gender differences in the correlation between awareness of cybercrime and involvement in risky online activities. The goals of the first study were to add to the knowledge about the correlation between awareness of cybercrime and behavior patterns in cyberspace and examine whether it is affected by gender. This research relies on the conceptual ideas of lifestyle-routine activities theory. This study joins previous studies that examined the validity of this theory over cyberspace, and to address some of the limitations of existing research.

The study presented in the second article deals with the similarities and differences between men and women in similar age groups in the extent of involvement in risky behaviors in cyberspace. The main objective of this study is to examine the interaction between age and gender with involvement in risky online activities, and to examine the role of mediating factors that underline this interaction. This study also relies on the conceptual ideas of

lifestyle – routine activity theory, focusing on patterns of behavior that increase the risk of cyber-attack. To identify gender-based and age-related differences in the degree of involvement in risky online activities, the study combined two approaches: the sociology of gender and the developmental-age approaches.

The study presented in the third article deals with gender differences in the relationship between online risk behaviors and victims of cybercrime. This article is based on a longitudinal study among private Internet users in Israel. This study had two main objectives: to investigate the relationship between online risk behaviors at one point in time and victims of cybercrime at a later point, and to examine whether it is affected by gender. As in the previous two studies, this study is also based on the lifestyle theory - routine activities theory. The study examined the central premise of this theory, according to which certain behavior patterns in cyberspace are linked to victims of cybercrime. The study also re-examines this relationship longitudinally. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first study conducted in Israel on this issue, and the findings provide information on the extent of the vulnerability of private Internet users in Israel to cybercrime.

In the last three years I devoted my time to teaching courses that are related to subject of my thesis. In recent months I've been working on articles dealing with different aspects of **sexual offenses** in cyber space. Some of the questions included in my research are:

1. Perception of the severity of the offence in cyber space compared to the perception of the severity of the offence in the terrestrial sphere
2. Differences in the levels of vulnerability to sexual offences in the terrestrial sphere compared to cyber space
3. The correlation between prior sexual offences' victimization and perceptions of crime severity (a comparison: terrestrial vs. cyber sphere)
4. The Gender context of the perception of severity in terrestrial sphere and in cyber sphere
5. Fear of sexual assault crimes: similarities and differences between physical and online sphere
6. Understanding offline and online crime and victimization during war time
7. AI involved crimes
8. Assessing theoretical hypothesis in AI Models: Criminological perspectives

These are all research projects currently in progress, which hopefully will be published in the near future.

Articles in progress

- *Lam, I. & Turgeman, H. (2024). Institutional Alienation and the Risk for Cyber Victimization.
- *Lam, I. & Mesch, G. (2025). Assessing the Chivalry Hypothesis and Attribution theory in AI Models: An Experimental Vignette Study
- *Lam, I., Turgeman, H. & Tereshnikov, V. (2025). Perceptions of crime severity, perceived risk and attribution of responsibility of similar crimes committed in different spheres (physical sphere, online, crimes involve AI)