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Date of birth: August 9th,1970

Military service: 1988-1991.

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Education

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Berkeley Psychophysiology Laboratory and the Institute of Personality and Social Research, University of California, Berkeley. 2001-2003.

Ph.D. in psychology with highest distinction: Bar-Ilan University. 1996-2001.

Dissertation: "Emotional reactions towards people with physical disabilities: A terror management perspective on pity."

Dissertation advisor: Prof. Victor Florian.

B.A. with major in psychology: University of California, Berkeley. 1992-1996.

Academic Positions

Associate Professor: New School of Psychology, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. 2012 -

Senior Lecturer: New School of Psychology, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. 2009- 2012.

Lecturer: Department of Psychology, Bar-Ilan University. 2003-2009 (Head of Clinical-Rehabilitation area 2005-2008).

Instructor: Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science program, University of California, Berkeley 2002.

Instructor. Department of Psychology, Bar-Ilan University, 1999-2001.

Instructor. Ashkelon Academic College, 1999-2001.

Grants and awards

Binational Science Foundation (BSF). Research grant for the years 2010-2014 (co-PI with Daphna Canetti and Tom Pyszczynski).

Israel Science Foundation (ISF). Research grant for the years 2008-2012 (co-PI with Daphna Canetti-Nisim).

Israel Foundations Trustees. Young investigator grant for the years 2008-2010.

Gonda Clinical Research Grant. For the year 2005 (co-PI with Gurit Birnbaum, Ohad Cohen, & Mario Mikulincer).

Yigal Alon Fellowship, Council for Higher Education, Israel for the years 2003-2006.

Rothschild Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Yad Hanadiv Foundation, Jerusalem for the years 2001-2002.

Israel Foundations Trustees (Ford Foundation) doctoral dissertation research grant for the years 1999-2001.

Membership in Professional Organizations

Society for Personality and Social Psychology – Member since 2001

Association for Psychological Science – Member since 2004

International Association for Relationship Research – Member since 2005

International Society of Political Psychology – Member since 2006

Editorial Service

Editorial board: *Personal Relationships*, Since 2008.

Editorial board: *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, Since 2010.

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (Journals)

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology:

Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Personality and Social Psychology Review
Personal Relationships
Social Psychological & Personality Science
European Journal of Social Psychology
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Self and Identity
Journal of Family Psychology
Psychological Science
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
British Journal of Health Psychology
German Journal of Social Psychology (In English)
Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy
Death Studies
Megamot (Hebrew)

Reviewer (grants)

Israel Science Foundation
National Science Foundation

Research Interests

Political conflict; close relationships; prosocial behavior; terror management theory; emotion; interpersonal and intergroup relationships; psychophysiological and behavioral methods; reactions towards people with disabilities.

Book Chapters

Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2004) The Terror of Death and the Quest for Love –An Existential Perspective on Close Relationships. (pp.

287-304). In J. Greenberg, K. Sander & T. Pyszczynski (Eds.). *Handbook of Experimental Existential Psychology*. New York: Guilford.

Hirschberger, G. (2009). Compassionate callousness: A terror management perspective on prosocial behavior. In M. Mikulincer & P. R. Shaver (Eds.), *Prosocial motives, emotion, and behavior: The better angels of our nature*. Washington, DC: APA.

Hirschberger, G., & Pyszczynski, T. (2010). An existential perspective on ethno-political violence. In M. Mikulincer & P. R. Shaver (Eds.), *Understanding and reducing aggression, violence and their consequences*, Washington, DC: APA

Hirschberger, G., & Pyszczynski, T. (2011). Killing with a clean conscience: Existential angst and the paradox of morality. In M. Mikulincer & P. R. Shaver (Eds.), *Social psychology of morality: Exploring the causes of good and evil*. (pp. 331-348). Washington, DC: APA.

Hirschberger, G. (in press). The terror management of prosocial behavior: A theory of self-protective altruism. In D. Schroeder & B. Graziano, (Eds.), *Handbook of Prosocial Behavior*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Hirschberger, G., & Shaham, D. (in press). The impermanence of all things: An existentialist stance on personal and social change. In M. Mikulincer & P. R. Shaver (Eds.), *The social psychology of meaning, mortality, & choice*. Washington, DC: APA.

Hirschberger, G & Lifshin, U. (in press). Prosocial Behavior. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*.

Refereed Journal Publications

Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (1999/2000). The anatomy of a problematic emotion: The conceptualization and measurement of the experience of pity. *Imagination, Cognition and Personality, 19*, 3-25.

Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2001). An existentialist view on mortality salience effects: Personal hardiness, death-thought accessibility, and cultural worldview defense. *British Journal of Social Psychology, 40*, 437-453.

Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2001). Validation of personal identity as a terror management mechanism: Evidence that sex-role identity moderates mortality salience effects. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *27*, 1011-1022.

Mikulincer, M., **Hirschberger, G.**, Nachmias, O., & Gillath, O. (2001). The affective component of the secure base schema: Affective priming with representations of proximity maintenance. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *81*, 305-321.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., Goldenberg, J., & Pyszczynski, T. (2002). Gender differences in the willingness to engage in risky behavior: A terror management perspective. *Death Studies*, *26*, 117-142.

Drory, Y., Kravetz, S., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). Long-term mental health of men following a first acute myocardial infarction. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, *83*, 352-359.

Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). The anxiety buffering function of close relationships: Evidence that relationship commitment acts as a terror management mechanism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *82*, 527-542.

Drory, Y., Kravetz, S., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). Sexual activity of women and men one year before a first acute myocardial infarction. *Cardiology*, *97*, 127-132.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (2002). The anxiety buffering function of close relationships: Mortality salience effects on the willingness to compromise mate selection standards. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *32*, 609-625.

Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2003). The existential functions of close relationships: Introducing death in to the science of love. *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, *7*, 20-40.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (2003). Strivings for romantic intimacy following partner complaint or partner criticism: A terror management perspective. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *20*, 675-687.

Drory, Y., Kravetz, S & **Hirschberger, G.** (2003). Long-term mental health of women after a first acute myocardial infarction. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, *84*, 1492-1498.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (2005). Fear and compassion: A terror management analysis of emotional reactions to physical disability. *Rehabilitation Psychology, 50*, 246-257.

Hirschberger, G., & Ein-Dor, T. (2005). Does a candy a day keep the death thoughts away? The terror management function of eating. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology, 27*, 179-186.

Hirschberger, G. & Ein-Dor, T. (2006). Defenders of a lost cause: Terror Management and violent resistance to the disengagement plan. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 32*, 761-769.

Hirschberger, G. (2006). Terror management and attributions of blame to innocent victims: Reconciling compassionate and defensive responses. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 91*, 832-844.

Hirschberger, G., Ein-Dor, T., & Almakias, S. (2008). The self-protective altruist: Terror management and the ambivalent nature of prosocial behavior. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 34*, 666-678.

Ben-Naim, S., Aviv, G*, & **Hirschberger, G.** (2008). Strained interaction: Evidence that interpersonal contact moderates the death-disability rejection link. *Rehabilitation Psychology, 53*, 464-470.

Kimhi, S., Canetti-Nisim, D., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2009). Terrorism in the eyes of the beholder: The impact of causal attributions on perceptions of violence. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, 15*, 75-95.

Hirschberger, G., Pyszczynski, T., & Ein-Dor, T. (2009). Vulnerability and vigilance: Threat awareness and perceived adversary intent moderate the impact of mortality salience on intergroup violence. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 35*, 597-607.

Seider, B. H., **Hirschberger, G.,** Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. (2009). We can work it out: Relational pronouns, physiology and behavior in marital conflict. *Psychology of Women Quarterly, 24*, 604-613.

Hirschberger, G., Marsh, P., Srivastava, S., Cowan, C., & Cowan, P. (2009). Attachment, marital satisfaction, and divorce during the first 15 years of parenthood. *Personal Relationships*, *16*, 401-420.

Hirschberger, G., Ein-Dor, T., Caspi, A., Arzouan, Y., & Zivotofsky, A. Z. (2010). Looking away from death: Defensive attention as a form of terror management. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *46*, 172-178.

Hirschberger, G., Pyszczynski, T., & Ein-Dor, T. (2010). An ever-dying people: The existential underpinnings of Israelis' perceptions of war and conflict. *Cahiers Internationaux de Psychologie Sociale*, *87*.

Birnbaum, G. E., **Hirschberger, G.**, & Goldenberg, J. L. (2011). Desire in the face of death: Terror management, attachment, and sexual motivation. *Personal Relationships*, *18*, 1-19.

Ein-Dor, T., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2012). Sexual healing: Daily diary evidence that sex relieves stress for men and women in satisfying relationships. *Journal of Social & Personal Relationships*.

Guttman, S. S., Shoshani, A., Farchan, H., Asraf, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2012). Living in the Crossfire: Effects of Exposure to Political Violence on Palestinian and Israeli Mothers and Children. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*.

Hirschberger, G. (in press). Self-protective altruism. *Personality and Social Psychology Compass*.

Non-refereed publications

Hirschberger, G. (2011). Vernichtungspsychose: Wie Existenzangst den Gewaltkreislauf antreibt und wie damit umgegangen werden kann. (Annihilation psychosis: How existential fear fuels the cycle of violence and what can be done about it). *Israel & Palestina: Zeitschrift für Dialog*, *1*, 48-62 (in German).

Conference presentations

Hirschberger, G. *Why Are We Moved When The Other Suffers? A Terror Management Analysis of the Psychodynamics of the Pity Experience*. Paper presented at The First

International Congress for Doctoral Research, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona Spain, February, 2000.

Hirschberger, G. *How Do We Feel When Another Person Suffers? The Conceptualization and Validation of the Multidimensional Pity Experience.* Paper presented at The First International Congress for Doctoral Research, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona Spain, February, 2000.

Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *An Existentialist Perspective on Couple Relationships: Love, Courage and Tolerance.* Paper presented at the Third International Conference of the Peleg-Bilig Center for the Study of Family Well-Being "Towards a Science of Couple Relationships." Bar-Ilan University, Israel, April 2000.

Gilath, O., **Hirschberger, G.**, & Ben-Artzi, E. *False Memory in a Word-List Paradigm: The Impact of Learning Condition and Test Anxiety.* Paper presented at the International Conference "Psychology After the Year 2000". University of Haifa, Israel, June 2000.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *Does Mortality Salience Always Activate the Validation of Cultural Worldviews? Evidence on the Moderating Effects of Sex-Role Identity.* Paper presented at the International Conference "Psychology After the Year 2000". University of Haifa, Israel, June 2000.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *What Do We Feel When Another Person Suffers? The Conceptualization and Validation of the Multidimensional Pity Experience.* Paper presented at the XXVII International Congress of Psychology. Stockholm, Sweden, July 2000.

Hirschberger, G., Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *Emotional Reactions to the Misfortune of Others: A Terror Management Analysis of the Multidimensional Pity Experience.* Paper presented at the International Conference on Existential Experimental Psychology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, August 2001.

Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *The dynamic interplay of global, relationship-specific, and contextual representation of attachment security.* Paper presented at the

annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Savannah, GA., January 2002.

Seider, B. H., **Hirschberger, G.**, Nelson, K. L., Chao, C., & Levenson, R. W. *We can work it out: Relational pronouns, physiology and behavior in marital conflict.* Poster presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Chicago, IL, October, 2003.

Hirschberger, G., Seider, B. H., Marsh, P., Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. *Hotspots: Disagreement and consensus building and their relation to emotion during marital conflict.* Poster presented at the 28th International Congress of Psychology. Beijing, China. August 2004.

Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *An existential perspective on close relationships.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, Hawaii. July, 2004.

Hirschberger, G., Seider, B. H., Marsh, P., Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. *Hotspots: Disagreement and consensus building and their relation to emotion during marital conflict.* Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico. October, 2004.

Seider, B., Smith, V. E., Ascher, E., Nelson, K., Leavitt, J., **Hirschberger, G.**, & Levenson, R. W. *Lexical indicators of increased self-focus in frontotemporal lobar dementia.* Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico. October, 2004.

Hirschberger, G. *The psychophysiology of love.* Paper presented at the 8th annual conference of the Peleg-Bilig Center for the Study of Family Well-Being. Bar-Ilan University. June, 2005.

Hirschberger, G., & Mikulincer, M. *Love and Death.* Paper presented at the 13th annual meeting of the International Society for Research on Emotions (ISRE), Bari, Italy. June 2005.

Hirschberger, G. *Fear and compassion.* Paper presented at the 1st annual conference of the Victor Florian Center for the Study of Death, Loss, and Bereavement. Bar-Ilan University. November, 2005.

Caspi, A., **Hirschberger, G.**, Ein-Dor, T., & Zivotofsky, A. Z. (2006). Looking away from death: The influence of subliminal priming on eye movement decisions. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Visual Science Society. Sarasota, FL. May, 2005.

Hirschberger, G., & Birnbaum, G. *The Carpe Diem Hypothesis: Evidence that reminders of death increase the desire to have sex.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR). Crete, Greece. July, 2006.

Hirschberger, G., & Ein-Dor, T. *The terror management of war and peace: The case of Israel.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP). Barcelona, Spain. July, 2006.

Hirschberger, G., & Birnbaum, G. E. *Terror management, attachment, and sexual motivations – A test of three theories.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM, February, 2008.

Hirschberger, G., & Birnbaum, G. E. *Terror management, attachment, and sexual motivations – A test of three theories.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Relationship Research, Providence, RI, July, 2008.

Hirschberger, G., Pyszczynski, T., & Ein-Dor, T. Vulnerability and vigilance: A terror management perspective on the Middle-East conflict. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA, May, 2009.

Hirschberger, G. (2009). On the edge of an existential abyss: Terror management and ethno-political conflict. Paper presented at the Small Group Meeting on Resolving Societal Conflicts and Building Peace: Socio-Psychological Dynamics. Neve-Ilan, Israel. September, 2009.

Hirschberger, G., & Pyszczynski, T. Terror management and religious wrath: Aggressive and pacific manifestations of defending the faith. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV, January, 2010.

Hirschberger, G., & Pyszczynski, T. Killing with a clean conscience: Existential angst and the paradox of morality. Paper presented at the Herzliya Symposium for Personality and Social Psychology on *Social psychology of morality: Exploring the causes of good and evil*. Herzliya, Israel. April, 2010.

Hirschberger, G., & Pyszczynski, T. Terror management, morality, and ethno-political violence. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. San Francisco, CA. July, 2010.

Ben-Naim, S., Ein-Dor, T., **Hirschberger, G., & Mikulincer, M.** *Emotion regulation during couple interaction: The second hand smoke effect*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research. July, 2010. IDC Herzliya, Israel.

Berkowitz, O., Ein-Dor, T., **Hirschberger, G.** *The two meanings of physiological relaxation: Relationship satisfaction and detachment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research. July, 2010. IDC Herzliya, Israel.

Bachar, D., Ein-Dor, T., **Hirschberger, G.** *Subtle sensitivity: Smiles, displays of empathy, and speech interruptions influence the quality of couple interactions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research. July, 2010. IDC Herzliya, Israel.

Mizrachi, M., **Hirschberger, G.,** Birnbaum, G., & Mikulincer, M. *Between the sheets and beyond: Relationship quality may improve, even when sex is unsatisfying*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research. July, 2010. IDC Herzliya, Israel.

Invited lectures

The multidimensional pity experience and fear of personal death – Implications for work with cancer patients. Presented at Machon Sharet psycho-oncology unit, Hadassa Hospital Ein Karem, Jerusalem, May 1999.

Emotional reactions to the misfortune of others – A terror management perspective on pity. Presented at the Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of California, Davis, January 2002.

Extreme opinions and complex cognitions: Does mortality salience influence pro- and anti-war reasoning? Presented at the Berkeley-Stanford Talks, May 2002.

The terror management function of close relationships: Introducing death into the science of love. Presented at the UC Berkeley Institute of Personality and Social Research Colloquium, October 2002.

The language of love: Physiological, behavioral and verbal indices of emotion during marital conflict. Presented at the Bar-Ilan Psychology Department Colloquium, April 2004.

The language of love: Physiological, behavioral and verbal indices of emotion during marital conflict. Presented at the Bar-Ilan Brain Seminar, Gonda Brain Research Center, May 2004.

The Multi-method approach to relationship research: Implications for work with cancer patients and their families. Presented at Machon Sharet psycho-oncology unit, Hadassa Hospital Ein Karem, Jerusalem, June 2004.

The psychophysiology of love. Invited lecture presented at the 'Yad Lahachlama' foundation. Haifa, March 2005.

The psychophysiology of love. Lecture presented as part of 'Brain Awareness Week'. Kfar-Mrar, March 2005.

The Language of Love: A multi-measure approach. Lecture presented at the annual conference of the Israel Cancer Association. Givataim, April 2005.

Does suppressed fear influence social cognition? A terror management perspective on rational and defensive thinking. International Colloquium on "Issues in the Social Psychology of Emotions." June, 2007. University of Haifa, Israel.

Compassionate callousness: Terror management and the tension between compassion and self-protection. Department of Psychology Colloquium, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, February, 2008.

No Partner for Peace! The Concept of the Enemy since the Oslo Accords. International conference titled "*Peace Now – a Past Idea. From Struggle for Peace to Normality of Occupation*". Heinrich Böll Foundation in cooperation with the German-Israeli Working Group for Peace in the Middle East (diAk). November, 2010.