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Prof. Mario Mikulincer

Co-Founder

Mario is an Israeli professor and researcher in the field of psychology, formerly dean of the School of Psychology, and between 2014 and 2017 Vice President for Academic Affairs at Reichman University. He is the recipient of the EMET Prize for 2004.

Prof. Mikulincer was born in Santa Fe, Argentina, and immigrated to Israel at age 19. In 1985 he completed his doctoral studies in psychology at Bar-Ilan University. About seven years later he was appointed professor at that university, at age 35, making him the youngest professor in Israel in the field of psychology at the time. He simultaneously served in the IDF in a psychology research role. Mikulincer held a variety of academic positions at Bar-Ilan University, including head of the psychology department. In 2004 he was selected to receive the EMET Prize, for "an exceptional contribution to the study of personality and social psychology." In addition to his academic work at Bar-Ilan University, Mikulincer served on the editorial board of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. He was also among the founders of the Feig-Bilig Center for Research on Family Quality of Life in 1996, and chaired it from 2002 to 2006. In 2007 he moved to serve as founding dean of the School of Psychology at Reichman University. Since 2008 he has also organized the annual Herzliya Symposium on Personality and Social Psychology at Reichman University.

Mikulincer has published hundreds of studies in psychology. His research, which has earned him an international reputation, addresses various aspects of attachment theory — for example, the ability to improve, in adulthood, attachment patterns formed in childhood following encounters with figures who foster secure attachment. His research has also examined the relationship between attachment patterns and domains such as romantic love, sexual behavior, and response to psychological trauma, as well as the links between attachment theory and terror-management theory.