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Hisham Abu-Rayya specialises in social-cultural psychology. He completed his B.A. (magna cum laude) degree in psychology and statistics at the Hebrew University, where he also earned 1<sup>st</sup> class Post-graduate degrees in psychology and applied statistics. During his studies at the Hebrew University, Abu-Rayya was the recipient of Dean Distinction Prizes consistently over his study years. Abu-Rayya's Ph.D. degree in psychology was completed at the University of Cambridge supported by the Overseas Research Student Award (ORS) from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom and Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the University of Cambridge, with both awards being awarded to outstanding candidates (the top 1 %). Since then, Abu-Rayya was the recipient of research fellowships for outstanding young researchers, such as the University of Sydney (Australia) Post-doc Research fellowship and Maof fellowship at the University of Haifa. He also won highly competitive research grants such as the Australian Research Council Project Discovery Grant and Israeli Science Foundation Grant. Abu-Rayya's primary teaching and research job is held at the University of Haifa, Israel, and he also holds an adjunct Professorship at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.

Abu-Rayya's primary research nests within the following areas:

- Cross-cultural transitions/Acculturation, and adjustment.
- Inter-group relations and prejudice reduction.
- Mixed-ethnic/cultural/faith marriages, identity, and adjustment.
- Culture, psychological development, and mental health.
- Psychology of religion/Religiosity, personality, and mental health.
- Cognitive and behavioural functioning in children.

Abu-Rayya's research involves a wide range of research methodologies including cross-sectional and longitudinal research designs, experimental research designs, qualitative methods, large-scale archive data analyses, critical literature reviews, and meta-analytic methods.

His work was presented in over 30 international conferences and published in over 40 scientific articles, many in leading Journals such as *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *The British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Computers in Human Behaviour*, *Review of General*

*Psychology*, and *Neuroscience & Biobehavioural Review*. Abu-Rayya is an active member of international scientific associations (e.g., International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, the Association for Psychological Science); a reviewer for highly competitive funds (e.g., Australian Research Council, Israeli Science Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation, EU Grants- Marie Curie Actions); and a consultant editor for the *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*.

### **Selected Recent Publications**

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