International Research Conference on

The Influential Child Conference: The Role of Children's Psychobiology and Socialization in Development

July 2-4, 2013

All lectures will take place at the Feldman Building, The Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram Campus

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Tuesday, July 2

The Developing Social Child

9:00-9:30  Conference Registration

9:30-10:00  Welcoming addresses by Mayan Davidov, Ariel Knafo (The Influential Child Research Group organizers), and Michal Linial (IIAS Director)

Session Chair: Maayan Davidov

10:00-11:00  **Amrisha Vaish, Max Planck Institute Leipzig**  
*Social emotions and prosocial behavior in early development*

**Markus Paulus, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich**  
*Preschool children actively involve third parties to help others and to share with others*

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

Session Chair: Ariel Knafo

11:30-12:30  **Beate Sodian, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich**  
*Children's influence on their own social cognitive development from infancy to the preschool years*

**Kiley Hamlin, The University of British Columbia**  
*The guiding role of social cognition and evaluation in child development*  
(Supported by the Halbert Center for Canadian Studies)

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-17:30  Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem

17:30-19:30  Dinner
Wednesday, July 3

When Psychology Meets Biology
Open day for students and the general public

09:30-10:00    Registration and Refreshments

Session Chair: Michal Linial

10:00-11:00    Nathan Fox, University of Maryland
Are there sensitive periods in human social and cognitive development? Lessons from the Bucharest Early Intervention Project

Ruth Feldman, Bar-Ilan University
Maternal postpartum depression across the first years of life and child development: genes, hormones, brain, and behavior

11:00-11:30    Coffee break

Session Chair: Ruth Feldman

11:30-12:30    Tobias Grossman, Max Planck Institute Leipzig
Tuning the developing brain to emotional body expressions

Yair Bar-Haim, Tel-Aviv University
A translational cognitive-neuroscience approach to the development of novel treatments for pediatric anxiety

12:30-13:30    Lunch
Session Chair: Lisa Serbin

13:30-15:00  
Bruce Ellis, The University of Arizona  
*Biological sensitivity to context*

Moshe Szyf, McGill University  
*Epigenetic mechanisms linking early life experience and lifelong behaviors*

Sara Jaffee, University of Pennsylvania  
*The difficult child’s environment*

15:00-15:30  
Coffee break

15:30-17:00  
Poster session

**Thursday, July 4:**

**Socialization and Parenting: Children Matter**

10:00-10:30  
Refreshments

Session Chair: Yair Bar-Haim

10:30-12:00  
Ellen Moss, University of Quebec at Montreal  
*G x E interactions in the prediction of attachment at preschool age*

Nurit Yirmiya, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Parental attachment and resolution status among parents of children with Autism*

Lisa Serbin, Concordia University  
*Linking the present, past and future: How children’s characteristics influence family functioning, health, and development across generations*

12:00-13:00  
Lunch
Session Chair: Ellen Moss

13:00-14:30  Joan Grusec, University of Toronto
*The influential child from a domains-of-socialization perspective*
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Maayan Davidov, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
*Children's perceptions moderate the effects of parenting*

Ariel Knafo, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
*Gene-environment correlations in parenting: The influential child*

14:30-15:00  Coffee break

15:00-16:00  Round Table Discussion: Future Directions for Research in the Field of the Influential Child