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EDUCATION

December 2019 PhD candidate, Cross Cultural Psychology, Tilburg University,
Netherlands

Thesis: A cross-cultural evaluation of mastery recall as a self-
affirmation mechanism under social identity threat.

Promoter: Dr. Fons Van de Vijver

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Bender

Supervisory
committee: Dr. Charles Harb & Dr. Athanasios Chasiotis

June 2012 Masters of Arts, Psychology, American University of Beirut

Thesis: Eating Attitudes in Relation to Parental Bonding, Trauma,
Self-Esteem and Body Image among Armenian Lebanese
High School Students.

Supervisor: Dr. Shahe Kazarian

Feb 2007 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Haigazian University, with honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social identity
- Inter-group contact/Acculturation
- Self-/Group Affirmation
- Culture
- Test adaptation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-present **Doctoral candidate**, Tilburg University

- Designed and conducted 5 experiments (2 studies from mainstream, U.S. nationals recruited via MTurk; 2 studies from Lebanese nationals – mainstream Lebanese and ethnic Armenians respectively; 1 study

from African American adults via MTurk) on the utility of mastery recall in managing threats to social identity.

- Synthesized empirical work on self and group affirmation in cross cultural settings, integrating findings from my own research and providing recommendations for future work.
- Translated and adapted a series of measurement tools into Arabic, Armenian and French by applying forward and back translation procedures, followed by a committee approach and cognitive interviews.

2019 – present

Collaborator: Kosakowska-Berezecka, N., Bosson, J., & Vandello, J. Towards Gender Harmony (instrument translation and adaptation in progress).

- Data collection from a sample of 200 Lebanese students (100 male and 100 female)

2017 – present

Collaborator: Hope, L., Rechdan, J., Kontogianni, F., Thomas, W. Validation of the Timeline Technique for witness reporting in different cultural contexts (data coding in progress).

- Supervised and managed research component in Lebanon
- Supervised team in Lebanon (identified RAs and ran administrative tasks).

2016 – present

Collaborator: Adams, B., Van de Vijver, F. J. R. Inclusive identity (data collection in progress).

- Translated and adapted instruments to Arabic and Armenian
- Supervised research team in Lebanon (including identification of Ras, training and supervising)
- Analyzed preliminary data collected Spring of 2017-18 presented at the IACCP in Guelph July 2018.

2015 – present

Collaborator: Makarem, N., & Hamadeh, G. Prevalence and correlates of Bullying in the Workplace.

- Phase 1: Designed the methods for validating the Arabic translation of the NAQ-R. This included calculating sample size, planning procedure for data collection, running focus groups, analyzing data, writing up manuscript.
- Phase 3: Conceptualized and designed a multicenter study on the prevalence of workplace bullying in hospitals in Beirut with a focus on occupational outcomes of organizational commitment.

2010 – June 2013

Research assistant, Psychiatry department, American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Conducted statistical analyses, coordinated data collection of studies, drafted grant proposals, wrote manuscripts and administered neurocognitive test batteries.

TEACHING

Sept 2015 – present **Instructor**, Haigazian University (HU) Beirut, Lebanon.

- Undergraduate
 - Basic Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences (PSY202)
 - Experimental Psychology (PSY228)
 - Senior seminar (PSY295)
 - Social Psychology (PSY220)
 - Personality psychology (PSY204)
 - Psychology of Learning (PSY232)
- Graduate – Research methods (PSY301).
- Master's Thesis supervision
 - Self Construals as a Moderating Variable of the effect of Individual / Familial Self-Affirmation on Stress in a Sample of University Students in Lebanon
 - Personality, Gender-role identity and empathy as Predictors of Attitudes towards Infidelity in Lebanon.
 - Variations in Emotion regulation in predicting perceived stress as a function of self-construals: A cross cultural comparison of Lebanese and Dutch youth.

2016 - Dec 2016 **Part time instructor**, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon.

- Undergraduate
 - Research Design in Psychology (Psyc282).

2013 - June 2015 **Part time instructor**, Notre Dame University (NDU) Louayzeh, Lebanon.

- Undergraduate
 - Experimental Psychology (PSL231)
 - Social Psychology (PSL215)
 - Undergraduate Senior Seminar (PSL481)
 - Industrial Psychology (PSL322).

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming Publications

1. **Tavitian-Elmadjian, L.**, Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F. J. R., Chasiotis, A. Harb, C. & Vosgerichian, H. (2019). Limitations of self-affirmation in threat management in a Lebanese context. *Acta de Investigación Psicológica*, In press.

2. **Tavitian-Elmadjian, L.**, & Bender, M. (2019). Variations in sources of self-affirmation: What can be learned from non-Western contexts. In B. Adams, & F. J. R. Van de Vijver. (Eds.). *Identity in non-Western contexts* (under review).
3. Naal, H., **Tavitian-Elmadjian, L.**, & Yacoubian, H. (2019). Predictors of Mental Health Literacy for Depression and Generalized Anxiety Disorder Among a Sample of University Students in Lebanon. To be submitted to *Journal of Health Communication*

Publications ([Google Scholar](#))

1. **Tavitian-Elmadjian, L.**, Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F. J. R., Chasiotis, A. & Harb, C. (2019). [Autobiographical Recall of Mastery Experiences Is a Mechanism of Self-Affirming under Social Identity Threat](#). *Journal of Social Psychology*. doi:10.1080/00224545.2019.1606775
2. Makarem, N., **Tavitian-Elmadjian, L.**, Brome, D., & Hamadeh, G. (2018). [Assessment of Workplace Bullying: Reliability and Validity of an Arabic Version of the Negative Acts Questionnaire-Revised \(NAQ-R\)](#). *British Medical Journal open access*, 8. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2018-024009
3. Ghandour, L. A., Shehab, A. A. S., Zeinoun, P., **Tavitian, L.**, Halabi, F., & Maalouf, F. T. (2018). [Contextual challenges and solutions to undertaking a household adolescent mental health survey in a developing country](#). *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal*, 24. doi: 10.26719/2018.24.8.789
4. Maalouf, F. T., Ghandour, L. A., Halabi, F., Zeinoun, P., & **Tavitian, L.** (2016). [Psychiatric disorders among adolescents from Lebanon: prevalence, correlates, and treatment gap](#). *Social psychiatry and psychiatric epidemiology*, 51, 1105-1116. doi: 10.1007/s00127-016-1241-4
5. **Tavitian, L.**, Atwi, M., Bawab, S., Hariz, N., Zeinoun, P., Khani, M., & Maalouf, F. T. (2014). [The Arabic Mood and Feelings Questionnaire: Psychometrics and Validity in a Clinical Sample](#). *Child Psychiatry & Human Development*, 45, 361-368. doi: 10.1007/s10578-013-0406-6
6. **Tavitian, L. R.**, Ladouceur, C. D., Nahas, Z., Khater, B., Brent, D. A., & Maalouf, F. T. (2013). [Neutral face distractors differentiate performance between depressed and healthy adolescents during an emotional working memory task](#). *European child & adolescent psychiatry*, 23, 659-667. doi: 10.1007/s00787-013-0492-9
7. Hariz, N., Bawab, S., Atwi, M., **Tavitian, L.**, Zeinoun, P., Khani, M., ... & Maalouf, F. T. (2013). [Reliability and validity of the Arabic Screen for Child Anxiety Related Emotional Disorders \(SCARED\) in a clinical sample](#). *Psychiatry research*, 209, 222-228. doi: 10.1016/j.psychres.2012.12.002

8. Zeinoun, P., Bawab, S., Atwi, M., Hariz, N., **Tavitian, L.**, Khani, M., & Maalouf, F. T. (2013). [Validation of an Arabic multi-informant psychiatric diagnostic interview for children and adolescents: Development and Well Being Assessment-Arabic \(DAWBA-Arabic\)](#). *Comprehensive psychiatry*, *54*, 1034-1041. doi: 10.1016/j.comppsy.2013.04.012
9. Maalouf, F. T., Clark, L., **Tavitian, L.**, Sahakian, B. J., Brent, D., & Phillips, M. L. (2012). Bias to negative emotions: A depression state-dependent marker in adolescent major depressive disorder. *Psychiatry research*, *198*, 28-33. doi: 10.1016/j.psychres.2012.01.030
10. Maalouf, F. T., Brent, D., Clark, L., **Tavitian, L.**, McHugh, R. M., Sahakian, B. J., & Phillips, M. L. (2011). [Neurocognitive impairment in adolescent major depressive disorder: state vs. trait illness markers](#). *Journal of Affective Disorders*, *133*, 625-32. doi: 10.1016/j.jad.2011.04.041

Research In Progress

Tavitian, L., Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F.J.R., Chasiotis, A., & Harb, C. Autobiographical memories, Acculturation conditions, orientations and outcomes among ethnic Armenians in Lebanon, the United States, Canada and France. Data analysis in progress.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Bender, M., **Tavitian, L.**, Cittert, N., Adams, B. G. & Van de Vijver, F. J. R. (July, 2018). *When Including others Mediates the Relationships between Identity and Well-being across Dutch and Lebanese Youth*. International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (IACCP), Guelph, Canada.
2. **Tavitian, L.**, (October, 2017). *Workplace bullying in Lebanon: A discussion of empirical findings*. Panel Discussion: Bullying in the Workplace, Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon.
3. **Tavitian, L.**, Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F.J.R., Chasiotis, A., & Harb, C. (July, 2017). *Autobiographical recall of mastery experiences is a mechanism of self-affirming identity under threat*. Blitz presentation, European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), Granada, Spain.
4. **Tavitian, L.**, Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F.J.R., Chasiotis, A., & Harb, C. (July, 2017). *Autobiographical recall of mastery experiences is a mechanism of self-affirming identity under threat*. Poster presentation, Preconference for the Society of Self and Identity, European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), Granada, Spain.

5. **Tavitian, L.**, Bender, M., Van de Vijver, F.J.R., Chasiotis, A., & Harb, C. (July, 2017). *Limitations of self-affirmation in a high threat context: The case of Lebanon*. International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (IACCP), Warsaw, Poland.
6. **Tavitian, L.**, Bender,, M., Van de Vijver, F.J.R., Chasiotis, A., & Harb, C. (July, 2014). *Affirming identity through autobiographical memories under threat conditions*. International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Reims, France.

EXTRAMURAL GRANTS

1. University Research Board (URB), American University of Beirut (grant duration 8-1-2019 to 8-1-2020). *Workplace bullying among health care providers in Greater Beirut: Prevalence, predictors and organizational outcomes*.
2. National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS) (grant reference number 01-08-17), *Autobiographical memories, acculturation conditions, orientations and outcomes across contexts and immigrant groups: the case of Lebanon*. Harb, C., Tavitian L., Bender, M.
3. Economic and Social Research Council, *Validation of the Timeline Technique for witness reporting in different cultural contexts*. Hope, L., Rechdan, J., Kontogianni, F., Thomas, W.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

June 2014 – present **Member** of the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (IACCP).

REFERENCES

Available upon request