

### **Short Biography: Dr. Romain Jammal-Abboud**

Dr. Jammal-Abboud has 18 years of professional experience as a social worker and supervisor in different roles and institutions of child, youth, and family welfare: She has worked as the manager & Coordinator of different social services in Israel, has been a psychosocial therapist, a supervisor of social workers and of multidisciplinary teams in parent-child centers in the North of Israel, and, last but not least, a student advisor at different schools of social work & Education in Israel.

In the last six years, she has been working as a lecturer, researcher, supervisor, and coordinator of academic programs that mediate between theory and practice in local and international schools of social work and education: Department of Social Work at Zefat College, The Bob Shapell School of Social Work Tel Aviv University, Department of Educational Counseling at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, School of Social Work at the University of Haifa, Gordon College of Education, School of Social Work at the Management Center Innsbruck in Austria, and Department of Educational Science at the University of Innsbruck, Austria.

Her various roles in academia and practice have fostered her interest in scientific research. In her research, she focusses on the development of professional identity of social workers coming from different cultures and working in multicultural contexts. Her master thesis in the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare under the supervision of Prof. Blit-Cohen Edit, dealt with the experiences of Arab social workers treating Arab fathers at parent-child centers in Israel. In her thesis, she discussed the cultural, political, and gender-based tensions that Arab social workers experience in the encounter with their clients. In her doctoral research in the School of Social Work, Haifa University under the supervision of Prof. Buchbinder Eli, she described the personal benefits gained and the cultural-political tensions encountered by Arab social workers in the academic socialization and the subsequent practice following their formal studies. Findings of her dissertation underline the complexity of the identity development of Arab social workers and emphasize the importance of considering a multicultural approach in social work education and practice. In 2016, Romain Jammal-Abboud won the “Ora Gilbar Prize” from the University of Haifa in recognition of her outstanding scientific contribution.

Dr. Jammal-Abboud has published several articles and presented her work on culturally sensitive social work on diverse international conferences, including the most prestigious SSWR conference on social work. Currently, she is a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Education and the Research Center on Education and Family Studies, University of Innsbruck, Austria. In her postdoctoral there are two research projects: **in the first one**, she is participating in an international, interdisciplinary longitudinal study on parent-child relations and the impact of parenting practices on child development. The research project is involving partners from Israel, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. Dr. Jammal-Abboud is co-author of three scientific papers based on data from this study on the topic of long-term effects of different parenting practices and parent-child relationships in late childhood and adolescence on adults' family relationships. A paper on the long-term prediction of parent-adult child relationships has recently been submitted to a scientific journal. **The second joint research** and publication project is based on data from Dr. Jammal-Abboud. In this project, a paper on the topic of professional identity of social workers and the adaptation of professional social work to cultural and minority groups is under progress. Dr. Jammal-Abboud is a Postdoctoral (October 2021-2023) fellow at the Mofet Institute, Ministry of Education Tel-Aviv, Israel. The Research topic is: Comparison of the process of academic socialization between teachers and social workers: Cooperation in intervention programs with preschoolers in a contextual society, under the supervision of Prof. Yehuda Bar Shalom.

**Fields of interest:** Social Work Education, Professional Identity Development of Social Workers, Practice Wisdom of Social Workers, Development of Professional Knowledge between Cultures, Culture-Sensitive Social Work, parent-child relationships, Intervention programs for preschoolers, Arab Fathers in Israel, Social Work with the Arab Minority in Israel.