**SURNAME, name**

**Research project description (maximum 1000 words)**

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| ***Research Proposal (c.500 words) to demonstrate:**** *Originality, potential contribution to knowledge, i.e. research excellence, including the academic potential of the applicant;*
* *Research design and methods, including, but not limited to, collaborations and multi-disciplinary/international links.*
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| **Title: A gendered analysis based on the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development**This study will be based on information from two generations of the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development (CSDD), a prospective longitudinal study of 411 males from an inner-city area of London in the United Kingdom who were followed over 50 years. The data include detailed information on the criminal careers of these men up to age 50, utilizing official records found in the Criminal Record Office and the Police National Computer. These repeated searches over the 50-year period of the study provided information on the offenses of the men, their parents, their siblings, and, in later years, their wives and partners (Farrington, Barnes & Lambert, 1996; Farrington, Lambert & West, 1998). Analyses of the data suggest a general persistence of antisocial behavior from childhood to adulthood (Farrington & West, 1995; Osborn & West, 1979). Information on the childhood risk factors (for the generation 2 males) was collected in interviews and questionnaires administered at ages 8 to 10. Twenty specific risk factors were identified that included three domains of the early family life of the males: environmental and socioeconomic adversity, family and parenting factors, including maltreatment, and individual characteristics. The proposed research project has the following objectives:The project will code and computerize medical reports on the physical and mental health of the generation 2 males who participated in the CSDD. These are data reported by general practitioners and collected from surgeries in the U.K. longitudinal study.The project will also code and computerize the medical reports of their female partners, including physical illnesses consisting of respiratory tract, cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, skin, allergic, gastrointestinal, and infectious illnesses; disabling medical conditions; mental illness consisting of psychological episodes and psychiatric inpatient admissions; and incidents of “being hospitalized” (Skinner & Farrington, 2020).The produced dataset will be compared with the self-reported (physical and mental) health data of both generation 2 males and their female partners. The first step of the statistical analysis is to investigate the strength of the relationships between the medical reports on the physical and mental health of the males and their female partners and their self-reported physical and mental health data. Logistic regression analyses will be used to investigate which variables were independently predictive in multivariate models, using forward stepwise entry to avoid potential multicollinearity. Using the merged datasets, the investigation will:Investigate the convergence/divergence between the self-reported and medically-reported data for the generation 2 males and their female partners.Compare gender differences between G2 males and their partners regarding the convergence/divergence between self-reported and medically-reported data, i.e., who conceals the most, the males or the females? How can potential gender differences be explained?Investigate whether the most antisocial females have a greater tendency to conceal their health history than their least antisocial counterparts based on a comparison of the two sources of health reports (i.e., self-reported and GP-reported).Explore the childhood experiences, including abuse and neglect, of generation 2 males and their effect on both the propensity of being adult victims of violence and perpetrating crime in general.Explore the intimate partner violence of female partners and its effect on child welfare. Investigate whether self-reported or GP-reported health data are most predictive of generation 3’s physical and mental health. This project should expand the knowledge in the field of development of anti-social behavior from childhood over the years. Furthermore, it should expand the knowledge in the field of intimate partner violence and its association on development of anti-social behavior. Its results should assist in building prevention and intervention programs designed to improve the well-being of females, children and adolescents at halting this progression. It should also provide insights and data for scholars and practitioners working in the field.  |
| ***Skills Development/Organisational Support (c.250 words) to demonstrate:**** *A proposed skills development plan;*
* *How the grant will allow the applicant to transition to an independent researcher and advance their career. Researchers more than 4 years beyond their PhD should clearly articulate why they consider themselves eligible for this scheme as an early career researcher.*
* *The appropriateness and demonstration of commitment of the proposed mentor(s);*
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| This funding opportunity is essential for my academic development and will help in my transition to work independently as a researcher in the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University as part of my postdoctoral studies. The Institute of Criminology is a leading research centre for criminological research, offering me a great opportunity to collaborate with fellow researchers during my post-doctoral research. Joining the Institute will also amplify my engagement in the field of juvenile delinquency and violence in general by attending faculty seminars and workshops, and participating in relevant conferences at the Institute, the Centre for Community, Gender, and Social Justice, and the Cambridge Violence Research Centre. Without the grant I will be unable to visit University of Cambridge and working on the proposed research. UK living costs are extremely high, so grant to support my stay abroad would be greatly appreciated.My involvement in research started in my undergraduate studies in the School of Social Work and Social Welfare at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I worked as a research assistant with Prof Khoury-Kassabri and Prof Attar-Schwartz. My interest and involvement in research intensified over the years, and I worked as a research coordinator in several studies, exploring school violence, youth delinquency, psychopathology, and compassion. In addition to my work in research, I conducted two research projects of my own. The first was my master’s thesis supervised by Prof Asher Ben-Arieh, in which I examined the “Relations between the Conception of Children's Rights, Religion and Religiosity among Arab Children in Israel”. Secondly, my passion for research led to my decision to complete my doctoral studies in the field of youth involvement in violence and delinquency. I have special interest in this topic not only as a researcher but also as a senior probation officer who has worked for almost ten years with young Arab delinquent detainees and prisoners of both genders. The proposed research will be mentored by Prof Maria Ttofi, a leading researcher in the field of criminology, and youth delinquency and violence in particular. Working with her will offer the opportunity of learning from her rich empirical and theoretical knowledge. Prof Ttofi is also an international expert on analysis of longitudinal studies. This unique expertise will provide me the tools and skills to my own research work. Moreover, the fact that we will be working in the same institution, which facilitates the collaboration; and thelong-term successful career of the mentor who will be constantly providing feedback to the main investigator regarding the project. |
| ***Knowledge Exchange and Impact Realisation Activities (c.250 words) to demonstrate:**** *Impact, outputs, and dissemination, including plans to develop knowledge exchange skills and activities to maximise the impact of the research.*
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| There are few prospective longitudinal studies that permit an examination of continuity and change in the development of criminal behavior over a long period of time. One of the main objectives of such studies has been to identify and understand the risk factors that may affect an individual’s progress into and out of crime, from childhood to adulthood. Evidence from such studies may have policy implications and, thus, can be used by governments to inform and develop intervention programs aimed at halting this progression earlier from childhood.Another contribution of this study is to delineate and elaborate on other relevant risk factors on which gender salient contexts have an effect. For instance, intimate partner violence of female partners and its effect, including the gender discrimination they experience and its impact on various contexts of their lives, potentially leading to delinquent behaviour. The findings of the proposed study will serve to design prevention and intervention programs that are sensitive to the special situation of females who experience marginalization consisting of several risk factors. Given the central focus on factors that modify the effects of risk conditions, this research possesses obvious potential for guiding interventions and social policies designed to promote positive development and a better future for children and females. This research will yield several publications primarily in the form of journal articles. The researchers aim to publicize the results of the proposed research in criminology conferences in Europe (e.g. Florence, Italy, from 6 to 9 september, 2023- the European Society of Criminology Conference) and the United States (e.g. **Philadelphia, PA:** November 15 – 18, 2023, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown- the American Society of Criminology Conference), as well as in psychology conferences (e.g. the ISRA --International Society for Research onAggression-- Conference).  |

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