Fourth Herzliya Symposium on Personality and Social Psychology
THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF MEANING, MORTALITY, AND CHOICE
April 11-14 2011

Symposium Outline

I. The Problem of Finitude

1. The Existential Terror of Personal Death: Meanings, Manifestations, and Psychosocial Functions
   Mario Mikulincer, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

2. Terror Management Theory: Past, Present, and Future
   Jeff Greenberg, University of Arizona

3. A Body of Terror: Denial of Death and the Body
   Jamie L. Goldenberg, University of South Florida

4. A Significant Contributor to a Meaningful Cultural Drama: Terror Management Research on the Functions and Implications of Self-Esteem
   Jamie Arndt, University of Missouri, Columbia

5. God, Clan, and Country: Religion, Ethnicity, and Political Ideology as Terror-Management Mechanisms
   Tom Pyszczynski, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

6. The Impermanence of All Things: An Existentialist Stance on Personal and Social Change
   Gilad Hirschberger, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

II. The Threat of Meaninglessness

7. Meaning: Ubiquitous and Effortless
   Laura A. King, University of Missouri, Columbia

8. Religion as a Quest for Meaning
   Crystal L. Park, University of Connecticut

9. Deriving Solace from a Nemesis: Having Enemies and Scapegoats Buffers the Threat of Meaninglessness
   Mark J. Landau, Daniel Sullivan, Zachary K. Rothschild, Lucas A. Keefer, University of Kansas

10. Quest for Significance, the Collectivist Shift, and Support for Martyrdom
    Arie W. Kruglanski, University of Maryland

11. Becoming and developing: Personal growth in the wake of transitions to parenthood and grandparenthood
    Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University
III. The Challenge of Freedom

   *Richard M. Ryan*, University of Rochester

13. Conditional Regard in Close Relationships
   *Yaniv Kanat-Maymon*, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

IV. Connection versus Isolation and Loneliness

14. An Attachment Perspective on Social Isolation and Relatedness
   *Phillip R. Shaver*, University of California, Davis
   *Mario Mikulincer*, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

15. Ostracism: The Impact of Being Rendered Meaningless
   *Kipling D. Williams*, Purdue University

16. Why People Die by Suicide
   *Thomas Joiner*, Florida State University

V. Overcoming Existential Threats and Challenges

17. The Case of Anita: An Existential-Integrative Inquiry into Death Anxiety, Groundlessness, and the Quest for Meaning and Awe
   *Kirk J. Schneider*, The Existential-Humanistic Institute

18. Separation Theory and Voice Therapy Methodology
   *Lisa Firestone*, Glendon Association

19. Acceptance and Commitment to Chosen Values in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
   *Iftah Yovel & Noa Bigman*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

20. Brains in Need of "Tuning": External and Internal Regulation and "Brain-Tuning" Techniques
   *Nava Levit Binnun*, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

VI. Synthesis

21. An Integrative Perspective on Existential Concerns
   *Sheldon Solomon*, Skidmore College