

## Michal Pagis Curriculum Vitae

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### POSITIONS

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| 2013-present | Lecturer (tenure track), Department of Sociology, Bar Ilan University  |
| 2011-2013    | Research fellow, The Martin Buber Society, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel                                |
| 2009-10      | Research fellow and Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel |

### EDUCATION

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| 2008 (December) | Ph.D., University of Chicago, Department of Sociology.   |
| 2002-2005       | M.A., University of Chicago, Department of Sociology   |
| 1997-2000       | B.Sc. <i>Magna Cum laude</i> , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Life Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology. <i>Amirim</i> program, Faculty of Science. |

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

- Pagis, Michal. (Forthcoming). *Inward: Vipassana Meditation and the Embodiment of the Self*. University of Chicago Press.

#### ARTICLES in REFEREED JOURNALS

- Pagis, Michal, Wendy Cadge and Orly Tal (Forthcoming) "Translating Spirituality: Universalism and Particularism in the Diffusion of Spiritual Care from the United States to Israel" *Sociological Forum*.
- Pagis, Michal and Galit Ailon (2017) "The Paradoxes of Self-branding: An Analysis of Consultants' Professional Webpages" *Work and Occupations*
- Pagis, Michal, Orly Tal and Wendy Cadge (2017) "What do Non-Clergy Spiritual Care Providers Contribute to End of Life Care in Israel? A Qualitative Study" *Journal of Religion and Health* 56:614-622.
- Pagis, Michal. (2016) "Fashioning Futures: Life-Coaching and the Paradox of Self-made Identities." *Sociological Forum* 31 (4), 1083-1103
- Pagis, Michal. (2015). "Evoking Equanimity: Silent Interaction Rituals in Vipassana Meditation Retreats." *Qualitative Sociology* 38:37-56
- Pagis, Michal and Galia Sabar. (2014). "Enhancing the Spirit of Entrepreneurship: African Labor Migrant Returning from Israel." *Migration Studies* 3:260-80
- Pagis, Michal. (2010) "From Abstract Concepts to Experiential Knowledge: Embodying Enlightenment in a Meditation Center." *Qualitative Sociology* 33 469-489
- Pagis, Michal. (2010) "Producing Intersubjectivity in Silence: An Ethnography of Meditation Practices." *Ethnography* 11: 309-328

Pagis, Michal. (2009) "Embodied Self-Reflexivity." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 72: 265-283. (Reprint in shorter version: *SPQ Snaps*, September 2009).

#### CHAPTERS in BOOKS

Pagis, Michal (forthcoming) "The Sociology of Meditation." *Oxford Handbook of Meditation*. Oxford Press

Pagis, Michal, Orly Tal and Wendy Cadge (2017). "'Re-enchanting the End of Life: Spiritual Care in Israel'" In *Current Perspectives on Death in Israel*. Edited by Haim Hazan and Shai Lavie. Tel Aviv: Hakibutz Hameuad (In Hebrew)

Pagis, Michal (2016). "Integrating Positive Psychology into the Workplace: The Case of Life Coaching in Israel." In *Beyond the Clinic* edited by Jose Brunner and Galia Plotkin. Tel Aviv: Resling. (In Hebrew).

Pagis, Michal, (2015). "Can the Body Forget? The Deliberate Erosion of Embodied Memories." In *Forgetting* edited by David Shulman. Jerusalem: Magnes

Pagis, Michal. (2013) "Religious Self-constitution: A Relational Perspective." In *Religion on the Edge*, Edited by Peggy Levitt, Courtney Bender, David Shields and Wendy Cage. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### REVIEWS of BOOKS in REFEREED JOURNALS

Pagis, Michal (2011) "Review of The Promise of Salvation: A Theory of Religion. By Martin Riesebrodt." *The Sociology of Religion*.

Pagis, Michal. (2011) "Review of Society Without God: What the Least Religious Nations Can Tell Us about Contentment. By Phil Zuckerman." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Pagis, Michal. (2008) "Review of Subjectivity, Ethnographic Investigations. By Joao Biehl, Byron Good, and Arthur Kleinman." *American Journal of Sociology*, 113(4)

#### HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| 2017-2020 | Israeli Science Foundation Grant: An Ethnographic Study of Popular Psychology and Life Coaching among Ultra-Orthodox Israeli Jews (co-PI Nissim Leon)        |
| 2017      | Best Lecturer Award, Bar-Ilan University   |
| 2013-15   | The Institutionalization of Religious-Medical Relations in the Israeli Medical System. The Bronfman Brandeis-Israel Collaboration Fund. (co-PI Wendy Cadge). |
| 2012-13   | Martin Buber Postdoctoral fellowship, The Hebrew University  |
| 2010-11   | Shapira Postdoctoral fellowship, Tel-Aviv University   |
| 2009-10   | Lady-Davis Postdoctoral fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem   |
| 2008      | Mellon Dissertation fellowship, University of Chicago  |
| 2007      | Lady Davis Pre-doctoral fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem   |
| 2006      | Park Lectureship, University of Chicago  |
| 2006      | Oversees Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago  |
| 2002-2006 | Century Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago   |

#### PAPERS PRESENTED AT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

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| 2017 | Pagis, Michal and Galit Ailon. "The Paradoxes of Self-branding: An Analysis of Consultants' Professional Webpages" American Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal (August). |
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Pagis, Michal, Wendy Cadge and Orly Tal. "Translating Spirituality: Universalism and Particularism in the Diffusion of Spiritual Care from the United States to Israel" American Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal (August).

Pagis, Michal. "Translating Spiritual Care to Israeli Context" Spiritual Care Provision Annual Meeting, Tel Aviv (March)

2016 Pagis, Michal. "Mindfulness: A Micro-sociological Perspective" Mindfulness on the Margins. Sussex, England. (April)

2015 Pagis, Michal. "Somatic Modes of Attention: An Interactive Perspective." The Cultivated Spirit: Between Anthropology and Psychology." Bar Ilan (Dec)

Pagis, Michal. "Re-enchanting the End of Life." Current Perspectives on Death in Israel. Tel Aviv (Nov).

Pagis, Michal and Galit Ailon "Professionals' Market Immersion: Self-Commodification and the Individualization of Professional Identity and Expertise," American Sociological Association Meeting. Chicago. (Aug)

Pagis, Michal. "Fashioning Futures: Life-Coaching and the Social making of Self-made Selves." American Sociological Association Meeting. Chicago. (Aug)

Pagis, Michal. "The Interaction Order of Equanimity: A Microsociological perspective on Vipassana Meditation" Association for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Chicago (Aug)

2014 Pagis, Michal. "Passion, Self-fulfillment and the workplace: The case of life coaching in Israel. Israeli Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Tel Aviv (Feb).

Pagis, Michal. "Self or Not-self? Therapeutic Encounters in Vipassana Meditation Retreats." New Religions and Spiritualities conference. Tel Aviv (Apr)

2013 Pagis, Michal. "Consuming Individuality: The Case of Life Coaching." American Sociological Association Meeting. . Session: Microsociology. New York. (Aug)

Pagis, Michal. "Pain Relationships and the Possibility of Salvation" Workshop on the Ethics of Pain and Consciousness, Potsdam Germany. (June)

2012 Religious Self Constitution: A relational Perspective. Session: Microsociology. American Sociological Association Meeting. Denver Colorado. (Aug)

Enhancing the Spirit of Entrepreneurship: African Labor Migrant Returning from Israel. Session: International Migration. American Sociological Association Meeting. Denver Colorado. (Aug)

Can the Body Forget? On Pain and Embodied Memories. Conference on Forgetting. Konstanz, Germany. (June).

2011 De-saturating the Self: Silent Interaction Rituals in Buddhist and Christian Meditation Retreats. Session: Ethnography. American Sociological Association Meeting. Las Vegas. (Aug)

Beyond Habitus: The Phenomenology of Embodied Practice. Session: Social Theory. American Sociological Association Meeting. Las Vegas. (Aug)

2010 From Abstract Concepts to Experiential Knowledge: Embodying Enlightenment in a Meditation Center. Session: Religion. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta. (Aug)

Theorizing Self through Religion. Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting. Atlanta. (Aug)

- Silencing the Self: Silent Interaction Rituals in Christian and Buddhist Meditation Retreats. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction annual meeting. Atlanta.
- From Abstract Concepts to Experiential Knowledge. Israeli Anthropological Association annual meeting. (Apr)
- 2009 A Processual Approach to the Study of Practice. Session: Religion. American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco. (Aug)
- Inner-worldly Equanimity: Meditation, Emotional Autonomy and Family Life. Israeli Anthropological Association annual meeting. (Apr)
- 2008 Embodied Self-Reflexivity. Session: Social Psychology. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Boston. (Aug).
- The Feeling Subject and the Reflexive Self. Junior Theorists Symposium, organized by ASA Theory Section, Boston. (Aug).
- The Body as Mirror. Israeli Sociological Association (annual meeting. (Feb)
- 2007 The Language of Silence. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington. (Nov)
- Producing Intersubjectivity in Silence. Session: Microsociology. American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York. (Aug)
- Ethnography of Silence. Israeli Anthropological Association annual meeting. (May)
- 2006 Remaking Selves: Buddhist Meditation in Context of Late Modernity. Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting, Montréal. (Aug)
- Toward an Analytic Theory of the Self. Session: Religion. American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montréal. (Aug)
- The Buddhist Not-Self in Practice. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Mar)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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2016-7 Member of the Young Academy Forum, Israeli Science Academy.

## **SERVICE to JOURNALS**

- 2015-present Editorial Board, Sociology of Religion
- 2009- 2012 Book Review Editor, Israeli Sociology
- 2004-2006 Book Review Editorial Board, American Journal of Sociology

Manuscript Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Psychology Quarterly, Sociology of Religion, Qualitative Sociology, Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Forum, Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Israeli Sociology.

## **COMMITTEES, WORKSHOPS and CONFRENCES**

- 2015 Conference organizer, The Cultivated Spirit: Between Anthropology and Psychology. Bar Ilan. (Dec)
- 2015 Member of the nominating committee, Religion Section, ASA.
- 2012 Member of the nominating committee, Social Theory Section, ASA.

- 2011 Co-Organizer, Junior Theorists Symposium, Sponsored by the Theory Section, ASA. Chicago. (Aug)
- 2010 Panel Organizer and Co-Chair, Theorizing through Religion. Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting. Atlanta. (Aug)
- 2010 Panel Organizer and Chair, Knowledge/Practice/Subjectivity. Israeli Anthropological Association (IAA) annual meeting. Israel. (April)
- 2008 Invited participant. Religion on the Edge conference, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton. (Oct)
- 2006-7 Workshop Coordinator, Ethnographic Writings on Israeli Society. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2004-5 Workshop Coordinator, The Sociology & Cultures of Globalization, University of Chicago.
- 2005 Conference Organizer, Seventh Annual Globalization Conference, Chicago (May)