

Professor Emeritus Shalom Schwartz



Shalom H. Schwartz is the Sznajderman Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received his Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1967 and has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Princeton University, and the Hebrew University. He is past president of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, a fellow of the American Psychological Association, and a past-president of the Israel Association of Experimental Social Psychology. He is a recipient of the highest civilian prize awarded by the State of Israel, the Pras Yisrael in psychology in recognition of his career as a researcher, mentor, and teacher.

Schwartz has been a visiting scholar at numerous institutions in Europe and the United States. He has been a member of the European Social Survey scientific board since 1997 and authored its Human Values Scale that is part of its semi-annual surveys of representative samples across Europe. He is on the editorial boards of five international journals. He has written or edited 9 books and published over 220 articles in international journals in social, cross-cultural and developmental psychology, sociology, education, management, law and economics. His seminal articles on individual and cultural values have been cited more than 50,000 publications.

He coordinates an international project applying his theory and methods for measuring individual values in over 80 countries, with the participation of some 150 collaborators. His individual-level research includes studies of altruism, intergroup contact, individual values as determinants of political orientations, values of bases of emotions, subjective well-being, and prosocial behaviour, the development of values in young children, value transmission in families, values as the motivational bases of everyday behaviour, differences among ethnic, gender, and religious groups, and value measurement. He recently introduced a refinement of his theory of individual values in order to improve understanding of attitudes and behaviour. He also studies national differences in cultural value dimensions, their origins, and their consequences for societal functioning and policy.