

## **Asst. Prof. SAMI ANIS ABUHAMDEH**

### **Personal Information**

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### **Biography**

Sami received his PhD in Psychology from the University of Chicago in 2008. His mentor was Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, the co-founder of positive psychology. From 2007 to 2010, Sami was Visiting Assistant Professor at the American University in Cairo. In 2010, Sami joined the Psychology Department at Istanbul Şehir University, where he remained for ten years. He joined the Psychology Department at Marmara in 2020.

Sami's primary area of research is intrinsic motivation – the motivation to engage in an activity because you enjoy it, rather than for reasons extrinsic to the activity, such as money and prestige. His work examines the situational factors that promote intrinsic motivation (e.g. the role of challenge), as well as the more immediate phenomenological factors that mediate these relationships (e.g. attentional involvement; suspense).

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### **Education Information**

Doctorate, The University of Chicago, Social Sciences, Psychology, United States Of America 2000 - 2008

### **Academic Titles / Tasks**

Assistant Professor, Marmara University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology, 2020 - Continues

### **Metrics**

Publication: 1