

## Research Fellowship for Dr. Romain Jammal-Abboud at the Faculty of Educational Science at the University of Innsbruck

From September 17 to 24, 2021, Dr. Romain Jammal-Abboud was visiting the *Faculty of Educational Science at the University of Innsbruck*. Her research visit was funded by the *AIANI Fellow Program*.

Dr. Jammal-Abboud is a postdoctoral fellow at *Faculty of Educational Science of the University of Innsbruck, Austria*, and the *Mofet Institute, Ministry of Education Tel Aviv, Israel*. She is a renowned expert in the field of multicultural social work. Her research and practice are devoted to culture-sensitive social work education and the welfare and health of children and families at risk in



Israel. In her research, she specifically focuses on the development of professional identity of social workers coming from different cultures and working in multicultural contexts. Currently, she is working as a lecturer and the head of the field studies unit in the *School of Social Work at Zefat Academic College* as well as a lecturer and the coordinator in the field of child and youth studies in the *School of Social Work at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel*.

The visit of Dr. Jammal-Abboud provided the opportunity to exchange on culture-sensitive social work. Dr. Jammal-Abboud presented her work to the members of the *Faculty of Educational Science* and was invited to discuss her research with the head of the *Department of Social Work at the Management Center Innsbruck*. In addition, the visit in Innsbruck gave the opportunity to progress on two joint research and publication projects. One of the projects is based on data from the *LifE-study*. This study is one of the longest longitudinal and family studies worldwide involving partners from different countries (Austria, Israel, Germany, Switzerland, and Canada). Dr. Jammal-Abboud is co-author of two scientific papers based on data from this study on the topic of long-term effects of different parenting

practices and parent-child relationships in late childhood and adolescence on adults' family relationships. A paper on the long-term prediction of parent-adult child relationships has recently been submitted to a scientific journal. Furthermore, a publication on the prediction of different types of social relationships in adulthood is in work. The second joint research and publication project is based on data from Dr. Jammal-Abboud. In this project, a paper on the topic of professional identity of social workers and the adaptation of professional social work to cultural and minority groups is under progress.

