

Proposed PhD research projects

Project 1: Construction of autobiographical memories within the self-memory system

This project aims to explore how people construct memories of personal life experiences by accessing knowledge from the autobiographical knowledge structure, which is hierarchically organized. It also examines the role of conceptual self, which is an individual's self-image, personal beliefs and goals, in the memory construction process.

Project 2: Autobiographical memory, identity and mental health

This project investigates how people suffering from mental illnesses construct their personal life experiences. As the self and personal identity are disturbed when people have mental disorders, we aim to see if that disturbed self and identity impacts the way they construct their life experiences.

Project 3: Trauma, memory and mental health among forcefully displaced population

The number of forcefully displaced population, such as refugees and asylum seekers, is on the rise globally. These people often have many traumatic life experiences as they are the victims of forceful eviction from their ancestral homes and live in a foreign country where they experience extreme hardship in their daily life. This project investigates how traumatic life experiences affect mental health and psychosocial functioning among the displaced population.