Dear Technion Researcher,

The <u>site of the Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board</u> (IRB) has recently been updated. The IRB reviews research proposals involving interactions with human subjects that do not involve clinical, medical, or biological experiments or aspects (See תקנון אויקה במדעי ההתנהגות). A growing number of journals and research grants are requiring the approval of the SBS-IRB, and it offers legal protection to the researchers. Submission can only be conducted by Technion Faculty, and it includes 5 steps:

- 1. Complete and sign the Ethics Declaration Form.
- 2. Prepare a 2-3 page research abstract using the <u>following outline</u>. Include an Appendix describing the research tools (Surveys, interview questions/protocol, and/or protocol to record observations).
- 3. Prepare a Consent Form (on Technion letterhead that includes the Faculty of the PI) to be signed by the respondents (and by a parent if subjects are under 18.) before data collection starts. Respondents must understand the research purpose, and that participation is voluntarily (they can leave at any time with no negative consequences).
- 4. Complete the checklist form.
- 5. Send your application including the completed **4 PDF files** to the SBS-IRB chair Prof. Eitan Gerstner Eitan.Gerstner@gmail.com.

All the forms (in Hebrew and English) can be found at https://sites.google.com/site/technionethics/submit-request/forms

Thanks.

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