

BLITZ INTERVIEW



Roy Salomon

An Israeli and German citizen, Roy Salomon, 39, holds a PhD from Tel Aviv University. He is a Post doc at the Lab of Cognitive Neuroscience, and Center for Neural Prosthetics at EPFL, both directed by Prof Olaf Blanke.

What are you working on?

My research focuses on the cognitive and neural mechanisms underlying the sense of self in humans.

Why did you choose neuroscience/psychiatry?

I believe that the sense of self is the most fundamental psychological concept in humans. I am intrigued by how this complex construct is construed in the human brain. I have chosen to work in the neuropsychiatric domain as psychosis is condition in which the representation of the self is strongly altered.

Where will you be in 20 years?

I believe that in the future I will be heading a lab focused on bridging different levels of self representation (bodily self, agency, autobiographical memory etc..), allowing us to create a true neurobiological model of the self.

The scientific breakthrough you are waiting for ?

I would love to find the basic cognitive and neural mechanisms responsible for the breakdown of the sense of self in Schizophrenia.

A movie to see?

Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964), Stanley Kubrick directed and the amazing Peter Sellers in multiple roles.

Desert island book?

Neuromancer by William Gibson, a true vision of the future from a true visionary.

Sundays are made for...

Recovering from Saturdays.

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...a privilege, being part of the cutting edge of neuroscience and psychiatry.

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