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Nazanin Derakhshan is a Professor of Experimental Psychopathology, and Fund and Director of the BRiC Centre (Building Resilience in Breast Cancer) in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences at The University of Reading, UK.

Prior to joining Reading University in 2022, she spent 18 years in The Department of Psychological Sciences at Birkbeck University of London, UK where she was promoted to Full Professor in 2012. She is voted a key transformational figure in 'Birkbeck Inspire', 200th anniversary 2023, for transforming the lives of thousands of women through her work at the BRiC Centre.

Nazanin has conducted extensive research into the neurocognitive mechanisms underlying anxiety and depressive vulnerability, as well as developing and applying neurocognitive interventions designed at reducing vulnerability and promoting resilience, especially in vulnerable populations such as women with a breast cancer diagnosis. She is highly cited in her field and has published widely in top internationally recognised peer-reviewed journals, as well as holding various editorial duties. She was Associate Editor for Cognition and Emotion from 2005 to 2013; and Editor in Chief of Anxiety, Stress and coping from 2010 – 2013, as well as editing three Special Issues in her field.

Nazanin has been the holder of prestigious fellowships at The Royal Society, such as The Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship, as well as at The University of Oxford and St John's College Oxford. She was elected a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science in 2016. She has won multiple awards in teaching (as voted by students) and in research for theoretical advances in knowledge and public engagement and outreach. She has given over 100 (including invited) talks and chaired numerous national and international symposia, including invited talks at the Royal Society, the British Academy, The Wellcome Trust and Breast Cancer Now.