

Special Issue

Childhood Adversity and Mental Health: From Maltreatment Experiences to Psychopathological Outcomes and Psychotherapy

Message from the Guest Editors

Childhood adversity—including abuse, neglect, and disrupted caregiving—has long been recognized as a major risk factor for the development of psychological distress and mental disorders across the lifespan. Advances in developmental psychopathology, attachment theory, and neurobiology have deepened our understanding of how early trauma shapes vulnerability and resilience.

This Special Issue aims to explore the complex pathways linking childhood maltreatment to psychopathological outcomes and highlight innovative approaches in prevention, assessment, and psychotherapy. We welcome contributions from clinical, developmental, and interdisciplinary perspectives.

We are interested in cutting-edge empirical studies, longitudinal research, and studies integrating clinical practice with advanced methodologies (e.g., neuroimaging, qualitative analysis). The Special Issue also encourages submissions focusing on therapeutic interventions tailored to trauma-affected populations, as well as reviews and meta-analyses that synthesize current knowledge and identify future directions.

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