

## Special Issue

# Stress, Traumatic Events and Political Violence: Implications for Mental Health Care

### Message from the Guest Editor

The research areas of submissions to this Special Issue may include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- The psychological impacts of political violence and armed conflict;
- Stress, trauma, and post-traumatic responses among displaced populations and refugees;
- Access to and delivery of mental health care in conflict-affected or low-resource settings;
- Culturally and politically grounded and community-based approaches to mental health care;
- Enhancing mental health systems in fragile, crisis-affected, and post-conflict areas;
- Intersections of mental health with gender, age, ethnicity, and other social determinants;
- Chronic insecurity, structural violence, and their role in intergenerational and collective trauma;
- Innovative approaches to integrating mental health services into primary health care;
- Policy responses to addressing mental health needs in zones of conflict, crisis, and displacement;
- Help-seeking behaviors, stigma, and attitudes toward mental health care utilization.
- Torture, detention, or imprisonment can result in severe psychological effects. These experiences can lead to conditions such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, and complex trauma.

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