

Special Issue

Domestic Violence and Associated Mental Health Harms

Message from the Guest Editors

Domestic violence is one of our time's greatest public health problems as well as a human rights violation. Drawing on the definition provided by the Istanbul Convention (2011), domestic violence includes any form of physical, sexual, psychological, or economic harm or suffering perpetrated by a current or former partner. On a global scale, the most recent estimates show that 26–27% of women aged 15 years or older have been victimized by physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner (World Health Organization, 2021). Mental health problems have been found to be especially prevalent among both victims and perpetrators, with depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), antisocial personality disorder, and borderline personality disorder evidenced to be correlated with domestic violence perpetration. Additionally, being a victim of such violence can lead to mental health problems such as stress and depression. Thus, mental health problems are both a risk and a vulnerability factor and need to be addressed to prevent further victimization and perpetration. Papers addressing these topics are invited for this Special Issue.

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