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The Mental Health Impacts of Climate Change

Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change has important health impacts, including those upon mental health and wellbeing. These impacts are likely to worsen given predicted climate change into the future, including increases in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather-related events. Research on the mental health impacts of climate change is a relatively new field, and there remain substantial gaps in our understanding. In 2009 the World Health Organization outlined five global research priorities for protecting health in the context of climate change. At present, only one of these, the assessment of risk, has received much attention in the published literature. This Special Issue of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health focuses on the current state of knowledge on the link between climate change and mental health and wellbeing. We particularly welcome papers dealing with effective interventions for building resilience to the mental health and wellbeing impacts of climate change, as well as papers exploring what makes populations vulnerable to the mental health and wellbeing risks of climate change.

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