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COVID-19 as a Collective Trauma in Global Politics: Disruption, Destruction and Resilience

Message from the Guest Editors

Collective traumatic experiences, such as war and genocide, affect the ways in which states and non-state actors construct biographical narratives about themselves and engage in meaningful relations with other actors in international politics. COVID-19, however, has claimed millions of lives and caused mass suffering globally. If, undoubtedly, the pandemic has been both destructive and disruptive for billions of people, was it qualitatively different from other national collective traumas, such as war or genocide? Was the pandemic capable of creating a true, global collective trauma? Drawing on the growing body of literature on trauma and memory in International Relations, this Special Issue sets out to explore COVID-19 as a global trauma in international politics. It promises to focus on various dimensions of this global traumatic experience: political; cultural; socio-economic; emotional; intersectionality.

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