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Children in times of war

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The International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice is seeking proposals for an upcoming special issue on children during times of war. Though children should be protected under international law during wartime, across the globe, children are instead disproportionately impacted by war, suffering from both direct and indirect effects. Moreover, recent wars around the world, including those in Sudan, Ukraine, and Israel, have highlighted the dangers posed to children in modern warfare, with children facing grave violations and a host of negative war-related consequences. This special issue is interested in topics focused on children during wartime that may help inform and improve research, policy, and practice efforts to protect children, support their well-being, empower their voices, and uphold their rights.

Submissions may include various article types, including empirical research, editorials, commentaries, policy analyses, historical overviews, theoretical or review articles, and descriptions of innovations in policy or practice.

To apply for inclusion in this special issue, authors should submit proposals of no more than 250 words by May 1st, 2024, to specialissue.war.ijcm@gmail.com. Proposals should include i. an abstract, ii. the intended article type (e.g., commentary, review, etc.), and iii. a full list of authors (including full name, affiliation, and contact information). You will be notified by June 1st, 2024, of whether your proposal has been accepted, and final manuscripts must be submitted by November 1st, 2024. The aim is to publish this issue in June 2025.

Topics of interest for this special issue include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Child abduction and hostage-taking during war
- The impacts of war on children's health and well-being
- Protective and risk factors for children's health and well-being during war
- The internal and international displacement of children during wartime
- How war affects children's nutrition, growth, and development
- War trauma in children
- Children born of genocidal rape during war
- Child maltreatment during wartime
- The violation of children's rights during war
- Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation of children during war
- Legal aspects of child protection during times of war

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