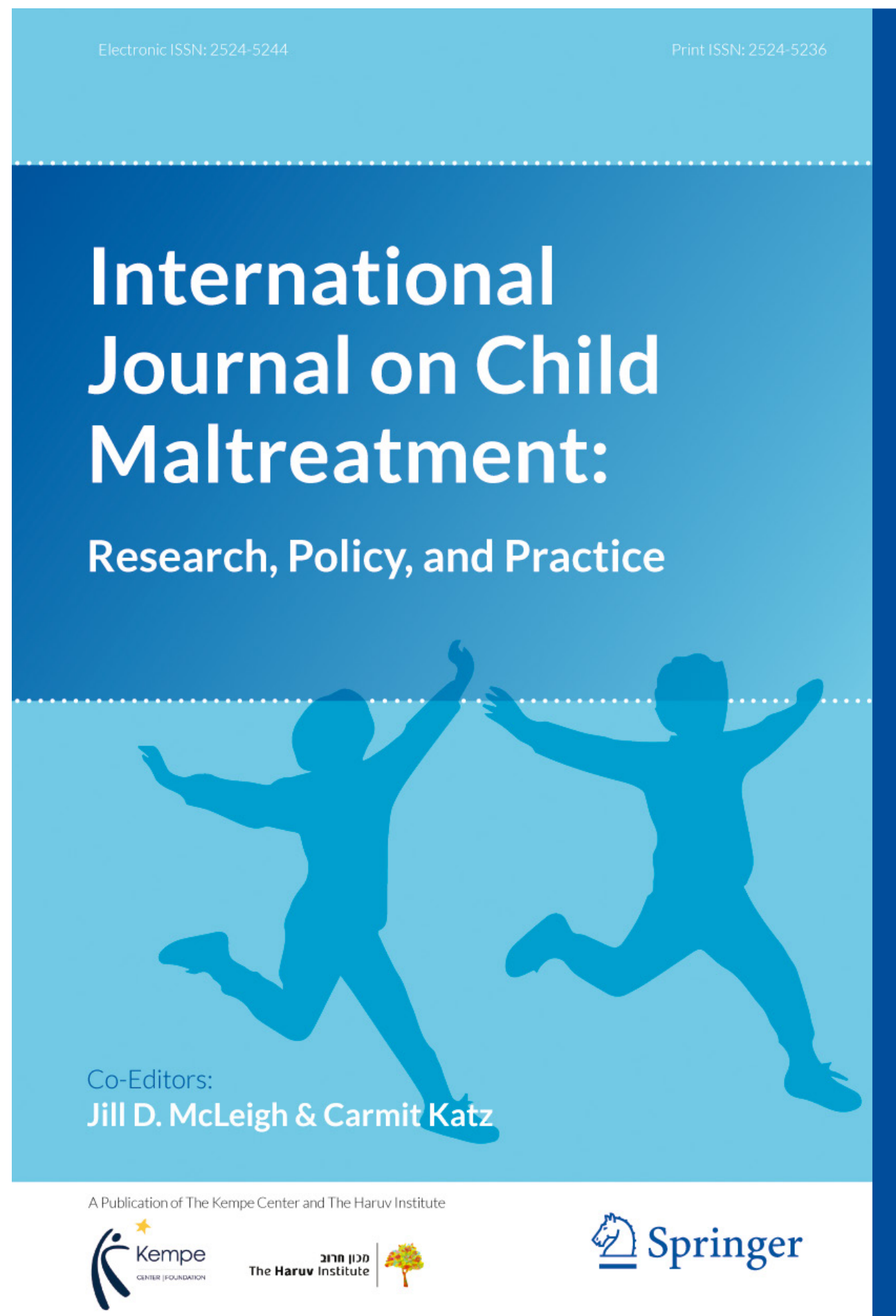


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Special Issue:

Breaking the Silence: Understanding and Addressing Childhood Sexual Abuse in Male Survivors

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Aims and Scope of the Special Issue:

Childhood sexual abuse (CSA) in male survivors is an under-researched and often misunderstood issue. Despite its prevalence and profound impact, societal stigmas and misconceptions have perpetuated the idea that CSA only affects girls. This has led to gaps in understanding the unique experiences of male survivors, including their challenges with disclosure, societal and professional biases, and the long-term consequences of CSA on their psychological, relational, and sexual well-being.

This special issue aims to "break the silence" by fostering research that sheds light on this critical topic. We invite high-quality submissions addressing this important topic. In particular, we are looking for submissions that address the following:

- Prevalence, characteristics, and risk factors associated with CSA in male survivors;
- Barriers to disclosure and help-seeking behaviors among boys and men;
- The role of societal stigma and masculine norms in shaping male survivors' experiences;
- Interventions and therapeutic approaches tailored for male survivors;
- Perpetrator characteristics and dynamics specific to abuse involving male victims; and
- Cross-cultural comparisons of CSA prevalence and responses in male survivors.

This special issue seeks to provide critical insights for researchers, clinicians, and policymakers, with the goal of addressing the needs of male CSA survivors more effectively.

Submission Instructions:

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Important Dates:

- **Abstract submission opens: 15 April 2025**
- **Abstract submission deadline: 31 May 2025**
- **Authors notified of the decision regarding their proposal: 30 June 2025**
- **Full manuscript submission opens: 1 August 2025**
- **Full manuscript submission deadline: 1 December 2025**

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