

Call for Papers

Echoes of Conflict

Health Consequences of War and Violence Across Generations

International Conference, Prague, 8–10 April 2025

We are pleased to announce the international conference *Echoes of Conflict: Health Consequences of War and Violence Across Generations*. This conference aims to explore the multifaceted impacts of war and violence on individuals and communities, encompassing its physical, mental, and societal dimensions. By delving into the intimate effects of war on health, governmental and societal responses at both national and international level, as well as its transgenerational (mental) health effects, we seek to provide a comprehensive understanding of the enduring legacy of conflict.

Eighty years after the end of the Second World War, it is time to shift the focus toward the intimate impacts of war and violence on individuals and their health, with a special emphasis on transgenerational consequences. This reflection goes beyond the concept of post-memory to include new perspectives on how the traumas of war are experienced and processed across generations.

The conference aims to move from the global political aftermaths of war to victim care, the rebuilding of affected families and homes, and individual consequences for (mental) health. It also seeks to examine social transformations caused by mass violence, mass displacement, border and regime changes in the aftermath of World War II, and how individuals and communities have coped with these challenges.

We are honored to announce Prof. Michał Bilewicz, the renowned social psychologist from the University of Warsaw, as our keynote speaker. Prof. Bilewicz's work on intergroup relations, prejudice, and the psychological effects of historical trauma will provide valuable insights into our discussions.

Join us as we explore the enduring health consequences of war and violence across generations and work towards a more compassionate and resilient future.

Conference Themes:

Intimate Effects of War and Violence on Individuals and Their Health:

Explore individual and family experiences of coping with the physical and psychological aftermath of war and violence, as well as strategies of returning to normality.

Examine life in post-war societies, navigating physical injuries and psychological trauma.

Governmental and Societal Responses to the Post-war Health Crisis:

Analyze governmental and societal approaches to caring for victims and rebuilding affected families and homes.

Investigate public health policies addressing the health consequences of war, including the management of diseases and pandemics.

Transgenerational (Mental) Health Effects:

Investigate the impact of war and violence on the second and third post-war generations' physical and mental health.

Assess strategies and programs for transgenerational care and the processes of rebuilding families across generations.

Inclusive Conference:

We encourage contributions from history and other related fields such as sociology, anthropology, literature, cultural studies, psychology, and social psychology, and others to promote a comprehensive exploration of this topic. Submissions should emphasize the historical dimensions of their chosen theme. We welcome contributions from across Europe and beyond, highlighting the diversity of experiences and responses to war and violence in different regions.

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts Submission Deadline: 30 November 2024
- Notification of Acceptance: 15 January 2025
- Full Papers Submission Deadline: 31 March 2025
- Conference Dates: 8 to 10 April 2025
- Venue: Karolinum, Charles University, Ovocný trh 560/5, Prague

Please submit abstract (250–300 words) and a brief bio (150 words) no later than November 30, 2024, to the following email: echoes@usd.cas.cz

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