

Call for Papers

European Journal of Trauma and Dissociation Special issue on COVID-19 and its psychological impacts

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The medico-psychological implications of the 2020 Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic in the world are major. This pandemic has become a serious global crisis that is currently out of control (as of 10 April 2020). Regarded as a "single pandemic" (Gates, 2020), societies and populations around the world face massive challenges that disrupt key aspects of public, economic and private life. The crisis has rapidly evolved from a local and then global health crisis to a ubiquitous economic crisis ... while the time horizon currently remains uncertain, the physical and psychological well-being of humanity is being affected (Duan & Zhu, 2020; Liu et al, 2020). Societies around the world have declared a "war" on the pandemic and its psychosocial and economic consequences: as never before, political decisions appear to be hanging on the data acquired from science. Priority is given to national and international research efforts. Psychological researchers and practitioners are under great pressure to understand and alleviate the psychological consequences on populations in the short, medium and long term. Think of people of all infected ages and their families, people who have suddenly lost a loved one while social mourning rituals are being modified, health care professionals confronted on a massive scale with intense stress factors and unusual hyper-confrontation with death, citizens confined to difficult situations, patients previously suffering from psychological or neuropsychiatric disorders, people already in extremely precarious social situations, etc.

Anxiety and depressive disorders, traumatic and post-traumatic bereavement, burnout and post-traumatic stress disorders, but also psychosomatic disorders, substance abuse and implications for family systems... are all issues that the concepts of psychotraumatology and dissociation allow us to better understand. In return, the extraordinary situation we are experiencing also appears to enhance our theoretical models and their practical applications. The development of remote care tools has become essential, calling into question many of our certainties...

The aim of this special issue is to encourage and publish new research on the **psychological implications of the current crisis for society, populations, groups and individuals**. Contributions are also expected in terms of **initiatives for individual and collective psychological care and intervention**. Empirical research is particularly welcome; original articles, case studies, theoretical and clinical considerations are also welcome.

Deadlines for submission

Please send **an abstract in French or English** (no more than 500 words) of your paper proposal by email before 30 May 2020 to cyril.tarquinio@univ-lorraine.fr (with the following title in the subject line: **EJTD special issue COVID-19**). Abstracts will be reviewed by the editors of the special issue and potential contributors will be selected on the basis of the originality of the work, the general diversity of the topics and the fit with the general theme of the special issue. Successful authors will be notified within 15 days and invited to submit full manuscripts by 1 September 2020. All submissions for the special issue will be subject to **accelerated peer review** (without guarantee of acceptance) for publication in the first issue of 2021. Support will be provided for contributions in French to consider translation into English.