

Abuse: An International Impact Journal



Special issue: Trauma responses and diagnostic frameworks: Debates and controversies

Call for papers

The enduring psychological impacts of exposure to trauma are well documented and embedded in several diagnostic frameworks. As recognition of the impact of trauma increases, as does the number of diagnostic classes that attempt to describe trauma related presentations.

PTSD and Complex PTSD diagnoses are trauma specific diagnoses, yet individuals exposed to potentially traumatising events can be diagnosed with a wide range of diagnoses, which attempt to account for and encapsulate resulting trauma related needs. In particular, the relationship between complex PTSD and personality disorders, especially emotionally unstable personality disorder, remain subject to ongoing exploration. Whilst a growing number of studies have begun to explore the relationship between these diagnoses, our understanding of this relationship remains limited. Furthermore, the relationship between PTSD diagnostic nosology and wider personality disorders, such as dissocial personality disorder, and the related concept of psychopathy, remain poorly understood. Given the high incident rates of exposure to childhood trauma in those diagnosed with a range of personality disorders and psychopathy, this is an important omission in the trauma literature. Disentangling these relationships will improve our understanding of the relationship between traumatic events, their differential impact on psychopathology, treatment needs and long-term outcomes.

Abuse: An international Impact Journal are inviting submissions for a special edition focusing on trauma focused diagnostic frameworks and their relationship with personality disorder diagnoses. We welcome original articles on any aspect of this important and complex area. These may include papers exploring:

- The relationship between exposure to trauma and resulting trauma/personality diagnoses in clinical populations
- Whether different types of traumas impact on diagnostic pathways and treatment needs

- How service users make sense of their trauma experiences and diagnostic frameworks
- The assessment and diagnosis of trauma related symptoms and needs through the lens of different diagnostic frameworks
- Trans diagnostic treatment approaches for trauma focused needs
- Service user and carer experiences, views and perceptions of different diagnoses that account for trauma related needs
- Articles that address the needs of marginalised populations who are minimally present in the trauma literature, such as those from ethnic or sexual minority groups, older adults, forensic, prison, community, inpatient, male (non-military) and displaced populations
- Review articles that adhere to a high level of academic rigour
- Theoretical articles elucidating the relationship between trauma exposure and clinical diagnostic frameworks.
- For details relating to word length and the format of manuscripts please see the publisher's website: <https://threequayspublishing.com/submission/>

This special edition is being led by the Centre for Developmental and Complex Trauma (CDCT), St Andrew's Healthcare. The guest editorial team consists of Dr Deborah Morris, (Guest Editor) Lead for CDCT, Prof Thanos Karatzias, Professor of Mental Health, Edinburgh Napier, Co-Editor and Dr Emily Fox, Director of Psychological Therapies, Co-Editor.

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Any submissions to the special edition should have 'Special issue: Trauma responses and diagnostic frameworks: Debates and controversies' indicated on the title page.

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