

Perspectives in Public Health

proposed special issue on:

Global Threats to Mental Health



Centre for Mental Health in the UK is curating a special issue of *Perspectives in Public Health*, focusing on the potential impact of global events on the mental health of the public and implications for informing actions on global inequalities.

The aim is to gather written insights and reports from activists, practitioners, thinkers, researchers, and academics. We are looking for contributions that offer forward-looking and interdisciplinary perspectives on how mental health might be affected by possible global events in the next 20+ years.

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlikely to be the last or only global event that will affect the mental health of the population. Other global events may well have similar or greater impact such as:

- Climate change
- Environmental degradation
- Natural and manufactured disasters
- Geopolitical instability
- Armed conflicts
- Mass migration
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Technological disruption

These events pose significant threats and challenges for personal mental health. Public health policy and practice need a preventive approach, as well as a reactive and curative one. The Special Issue will provide a critical overview of the current state of knowledge and evidence on the impact of future global events on the mental health of the population. We will explore the potential risks and opportunities created by future global events, and generate and propose positive and innovative ideas, solutions, and recommendations on how to prepare and cope with future global events.

Articles may focus upon:

- Suicide prevention
- Stress Mitigation
- Co-produced research and practice
- Salutogenic solutions
- Anything that challenges inequalities
- Mindfulness and other contemporary practices
- Mental health education
- Early years intervention
- Counselling and therapies

This list is not exhaustive and we will welcome any article that addresses the mental health of the population in the face of global crises. We intend to stimulate and facilitate interdisciplinary and multisectoral dialogue, collaboration, and action amongst researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders from different fields and domains related to public mental health.

We will publish the following types of articles:

- Opinion pieces
- Practice reports
- Feature articles
- Short research reports
- Review articles
- Qualitative and quantitative empirical research

If you would like to express an interest, please contact:

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The deadline for submissions is 31 January 2025. Authors should submit via our online submissions system: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pph>. Please contact publications@rsph.org.uk for more information.