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Child Sexual Abuse and Gender Violence in Adolescence

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The prevalence of child sexual abuse and gender violence in adolescence worldwide is alarming. The numbers are rising internationally, and the realms where this social problem manifests are very diverse: families, schools, sports clubs, pubs, parishes, NGOs, political parties, social media, etc. The health consequences of child sexual abuse and gender violence in adolescence are destructive regarding positive child and youth development, and as scientific research is already showing, they can lead to long-lasting negative health outcomes for the victims and their communities.

Considering this reality, this Special Issue aims to provide a scientific forum where to share, on the one hand, new advancements in the scientific understanding of child sexual abuse and gender violence victimization in adolescence and, on the other hand, empirical studies (quantitative, qualitative or mixed-methods) on successful prevention and response to such violence against children. It is of interest *how* these problems take place in diverse geographical and developmental contexts, including educational, family, nightlife, ecclesial, and online settings, among others.



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