



# Children in Armed Conflict

"Rights, Health and Wellbeing"

American University of Beirut, Lebanon  
Saint Joseph University in Beirut (preconference)

International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health

2019 Annual Meeting

## Children in Armed Conflict: Rights, Health and Well-being

In collaboration with

The American University of Beirut, The Lebanese Pediatric Society, The International Pediatric Association and The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

**PRE-CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**VENUE: ST JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

### Child Protection and Promotion in Armed Conflicts: Every child - All children!

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Ceremony

09:30-10:15 Morning Sessions

#### Plenary

- ISPCAN and the WHO INSPIRE strategies: The example of Child Protection Teams in Lebanon and the Arab region within the UN Global Partnership to #EndViolence  
Speaker: **Bernard Gerbaka**
- ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?  
Speaker: **Shanti Raman**

#### Capacity building for multidisciplinary child protection teams in conflict zones

- From case-management to policies; Tertiary Prevention, emergent protection and CPT intervention  
Speakers: **Marianne Majdalani, Pamela Zgheib, and Miryam Amm-AbiGhosn**

#### Strategies of Child Protection within the SDGs

- WHO INSPIRE adapted to children in armed conflict  
Speakers: **Samar Tawm, Alissar Rady, Serop Ohanian, and Howard Karaghueusian**

#### 14:00-18:00: Afternoon Sessions

- Tools for psychosocial assessment of children exposed to conflict  
Speakers: **Saleh Al Salehi and Karen Zwi**
- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities  
Speakers: **Joseph Haddad and Donald Wertlieb**
- Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens  
Speakers: **Barbara Rubio and Shanti Raman**



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**CONFERENCE DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**VENUE: FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, AUB**

**08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00-09:30 OPENING REMARKS**

- Iman Nuwayhid, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB
- Miguel Abboud, M.D., Chair of Pediatrics, AUB Medical Center
- Jeff Goldhagen M.D., MPH, President of ISSOP

**09:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

*Determinants of armed conflict. Can war and its impact on children be prevented?*

Chair: **Tony Waterston**

Speaker: **His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal**

*Protecting Children in Conflict Zones*

Chair: **Jean Bowyer**

Speaker: **Bill Forbes** (World Vision International. Global Lead, Child Protection and Participation).

**10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

## ***THEME 1. Understanding the Effects of Armed Conflict on Children***

**11:00-11:15 Introductory Keynote: Joop de Jong**

**11:15-12:30 PLENARY 1 - Physical Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict**

Chairs: **Margaret Lynch & Raya Saab**

- *Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children*  
Speakers: **Ayesha Kadir**
- *Children with chronic and disabling conditions*  
Speaker: **Nahla Ghandour**
- *Care of Children with Cancer in Conflict Zones*  
Speaker: **Miguel Abboud**

**12:30-13:45 PLENARY 2 - Mental Health of Children Exposed to Armed Conflict**

Chair: **Joop de Jong**

- *Prevalence of mental health problems in conflict zones*  
Speakers: **Mina Fazel**
- *Strengthening Mental Health Systems*  
Speaker: **Rabih El Chammay**
- *Resistance and Resilience*  
Speaker: **Bernard Gerbaka**

**13:45-14:45 LUNCH**



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## **THEME 2. Child Rights-Based Approach to Ending Violence Against Children**

**14:45-15:45 PLENARY 3: Child Rights: Principles, Standards and Norms**

Chairs: **Gonca Yilmaz & Charles Oberg**

- *Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights*  
Speaker: **Gerison Lansdown**
- *A CRBA to the Response to Humanitarian Emergencies*  
Speaker: **Ana Isabel Guerreiro**

**15:45 -17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**1. Humanitarian Responses in Conflict Zones: Médecins Sans Frontiers**

Chair: **Ayesha Kadir**

Speakers: **Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF)**

**2. Psychosocial Assessments: Innovative global tools for health professionals**

Chair: **John Eastwood**

Speakers: **Marit Sijbrandij and Kelly McBride (Save the Children)**

**3. Engaging the Voice of Children: Generating Resilience and Resistance**

Chairs: **Aimee Shalan & Gerison Lansdown**

Speakers: **Youth Peer Educators for Beit Atfal As Somoudi (MAP program in Lebanon – Director of Programmes: Dr Ali Dakwar)**

**17:15-17:30 TEA BREAK**

**17:30- 18:45 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS (ORAL)**

Chair: **Gulbin Gokcay**

Featured Speakers:

**Salman Mroueh (AUBMC):** *The environment and lung health in children.*

**Khalid Yunis (AUBMC):** *Maternal health and prematurity in conflict settings*



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## CONFERENCE DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

### 08:00-09:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- **Personal & Professional Reflections: Living and Practicing Pediatrics in a Conflict Zone**  
Chair: **Joseph Haddad**  
Speaker: **Motee Ashhab** *Palestinian Paediatric Society*
- **Reducing the Threat of War**  
Chair: **Tony Waterston**  
Speakers: **Sam Perlo-Freeman** (Campaign Against Arms Trade - CAAT)  
**Tilman Ruff** (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons- ICAN)

### **THEME 3. Conducting Research in Conflict Zones: Challenges, Methods and Ethics**

#### 09:15-09:30 Introductory Keynote: **Elif N. Özmert**

#### 09:30-11:00: PLENARY 4: Research in Conflict Zones

Chair: **Nick Spencer**

1. *Ethics of research: Involving youth, families, the community & community researchers.* Speaker: **Anna Chiumento**
2. *Selection of research methods: RCTs, quasi-experiments, prevalence studies, mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative), systematic and narrative reviews.*  
Speaker: **Dr Usman Hamdani (HDR Foundation)**
3. *Challenges and barriers: Access/identifying respondents & populations/consent (issues of fear of speaking out) & safety of researchers.*  
Speaker: **Fouad M. Fouad**

#### 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

#### 11:30-13:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

##### 1. **Research Methods in Conflict Zones**

Chair: **Karen Zwi**

Speakers: **May Aoun**: EASE an RCT in progress funded by War Child  
**Trudy Mooren**: Multi-Family approach and Education:

##### 2. **Pilot Study in Yemen. Save the Children**

Chair: **Stella Tsitoura**

Speakers:

- **Kelly McBride** - Understanding direct impact and coping mechanisms of children to inform MHPSS program interventions
- **Andrew Clarke** -Development and evaluation process of a crisis modifier framework in southern Yemen

##### 3. **Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 1)**

Chair: **Jeff Goldhagen**

Speaker: **Colleen Kivlahan**



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## 4. Public Health Response in Conflict Zones

Chairs: **Shanti Raman & Fouad M. Fouad**

- *Vaccine Delivery Programs and Vaccination Hesitancy in Conflict Zones*  
Speakers: **Naveen Thacker** (IPA)
- *Dealing with infectious diseases epidemics in humanitarian settings*  
Speaker: **Daniel Martinez** (MSF)
- *Responding to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health and nutrition in humanitarian settings.*  
Speaker: **Egmond Evers** (WHO)

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

## THEME 4. Systems, Education and Advocacy

14:00-14:15 Introductory Keynote: **Margaret Lynch**

14:15-16:00 **PLENARY 5: International Advocacy**

Chair: **Nick Spencer**

- *The role of UN agencies and NGOs: Panel Discussion*
  - MAP: **Aimee Shalan**
  - MSF: **Florencia Romero**
  - Save the Children: **Kelly McBride/Andrew Clarke**
  - World Vision International: **Bill Forbes/Amanda Rives**
  - UNICEF: TBA
  - UNHCR: TBA
  - WHO: TBA
- *The Role of international Pediatric Organizations. Panel Discussion*
  - IPA: **Joseph Haddad & Naveen Thacker**
  - AAP: **Colleen Kraft**
  - RCPCH: **Russell Viner**
  - ISSOP: **Jeff Goldhagen**

16:00-17:30 PARALLEL Sessions

### 1. *Why and How Children are still being recruited into armed groups and conflict.*

Chair: **Geir Gunnlaugsonn**

Speaker/s: **World Vision International**

### 2. *Regional Issues: Similarities and Differences: How to manage post conflict challenges. Bringing science to hope*

Chairs: **Barbara Rubio & Olivier Duperrex**

- *Middle East: Rabih El Chammay*
- *Africa: To be announced*
- *Pakistan: Usman Hamdani*
- *Latin America: Raul Mercer / Ernesto Duran*
- *Balkans: Milivoj Jovancovic*



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### 3. *Preparing Pediatricians to Respond to Humanitarian Emergencies*

Chair: **Shanti Raman**

Speaker: **Dr Saleh al Salahi**

### 4. *Identifying Torture and Abuse Among Children in Conflict Zones (Part 2)*

Chair: **Luis Martin**

Speaker: **Colleen Kivlahan**

17:30-19:00            **TEA BREAK + AGM**

19:30                    **EVENING – CONFERENCE DINNER**

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## CONFERENCE DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

08:00-09:00    **PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS**

Chair: **Anna Battersby**

09:00-10:00    **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

*Mental Health and the War on Children*

Chair: **Joop de Jong**

Speaker: **Theresa Betancourt**

10:00-10:30    **COFFEE BREAK**

### ***THEME 5. Engaging Pediatricians in the Global Response to the Impact of Violence and Armed Conflict on Children***

10:30-13:00    **PLENARY 6**

Chair: **Jeff Goldhagen**

*Strategic Planning Panel Discussion*

- WHO; UNICEF; UNHCR; ISPCAN; World Vision; War Child; AAP; RCPCH; IPA; UNRWA; MSF; SAVE THE CHILDREN, WHO

13:00-13:30    **CLOSING REMARKS**

14:00            **VISITING TOUR**



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