



# 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, and Saint Joseph University

Open to ALL professionals committed to the rights, health and well-being of children in armed conflict

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

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

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

**08:30-09:00 Registration**

**09:00-09:30 Opening Ceremony**

#### Opening Statements

- The leadership of Saint Joseph University in Beirut in child protection within emergent conditions  
Speaker: **Salim Daccache**
- The Faculty of Medicine engagement in the Humanitarian aspects of the Global Partnership to end Violence against Children  
Speaker: **Roland Tomb**
- The LPS position statement against Violence on uprooted Children  
Speaker: **Joseph Haddad**
- The Leadership of ISSOP in Child safeguarding  
Speaker: **Jeff Goldhagen**
- The LOP position statement against Violence on uprooted Children  
Speaker: **Charaf Abou Charaf**

**09:30-10:15 Plenary**

Moderator: **Gaby Fallakha**

Rapporteur: **Wassim Bitar**

- ISPCAN and the WHO INSPIRE strategies: The example of Child Protection Teams (CPT) in Lebanon and the Arab region within the UN Global Partnership to #EndViolence and the SDGs 3 and 16.2  
Speaker: **Bernard Gerbaka**
- ISSOP and the Position Statement on Ending Violence against Children: What can Paediatricians do?  
Speaker: **Shanti Raman**



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**10:15-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:00 Session 1: Response and Child Protection Teams**

Moderator: **Pamela Zgheib**

Rapporteur: **Miryam Amm-AbiGhosn**

- From case-management to policies; Tertiary Prevention, emergent protection and CPT intervention

Speakers: **Leila Akoury-Dirani, Serop Ohanian, Sister Antoinette Assaf, and Robert Sacy**

**12:00-13:15 Session 2: Strategies of Child Protection**

**WHO INSPIRE adapted to children in armed conflict**

Moderator: **Rita Karam-Faheb**

Rapporteur: **Dalal Mawad**

- WHO frame for child protection in armed conflicts  
Speaker: **Alissar Rady**
- Child Protection in emergent human settlements  
Speaker: **UNHCR**
- Woman and Family Protection  
Speaker: **Ghida Anani**
- Child and Youth Protection  
Speaker: **Amira Sukkar**

**13:14-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-15:00 Session 3: Skill Building for Health Professionals**

Moderator: **Khalil Osta, Khalil Mhaydli**

Rapporteur: **Hanane Masri**

- Tools for psychosocial assessment of children exposed to conflict  
Speakers: **Saleh Al Salehi and Karen Zwi**
- Early identification of children with developmental disabilities  
Speaker: **Joseph Haddad**

**15:00-16:00 Session 4: Skill Building for Health Professionals**

Moderator: **Ahmad Mazraani and Nemr Gharzeddin**

Rapporteur: **Juliana Souaiby**

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**16:00-16:45 Session 5: Afternoon tea and case discussion**

Moderator: **Shanti Raman**



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## 16:45-17:45 Session 6

Moderators: **Haytham Serhal, Ali Ghrrayeb**

Rapporteur: **Zeina Reda**

- Clinical assessment of gender-based violence and sexual assault using a trauma-focused lens  
Speakers: **Barbara Rubio and Shanti Raman**

## 17:45-18:00 Closing of Pre-Conference

Speakers: **Shanti Raman, David Atallah, and Bernard Gerbaka**

AUB <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk-I2Jq572Q>

LIVE STREAMING <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDchSdXKty9eOcdLr6sLCQ/liv>

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

**VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL, AUB**

**08:00-8:45 REGISTRATION**

**08:45-09:30 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**, Global Sector Lead, Child Protection and Participation

**VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL – UPPER LOBBY**

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

**VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL**

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

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

Introduction: **Jeff Goldhagen**

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

Chairs: **Margaret Lynch & Miguel Abboud**

- *Direct and indirect effects of armed violence on children*



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Speaker: **Ayesha Kadir**

- *Children with chronic and disabling conditions*

Speaker: **Nahla Ghandour**

- *Care of Children with Cancer in Conflict Zones*

Speaker: **Raya Saab**

**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**

**VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL – UPPER LOBBY**

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

**VENUE: ISSAM FARES HALL**

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

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

Chair: **Gonca Yilmaz**

- *Armed Conflict as a Violation of Child Rights*

Speaker: **Gerison Lansdown**

- *Rights of refugee & unaccompanied children under the CRC and through the eyes of children (GlobalChild)*

Speaker: **Ziba Vaghri**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C**

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

Chair: **Ayesha Kadir**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A**

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

- Chair: **Joop De Jong**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B**

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

Chairs: **Aimee Shalan & Gerison Lansdown**



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

**VENUE: WEST HALL -BATHISH TERRACE**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – Session A: Auditorium A, Session B: Auditorium B  
WEST HALL – Session C: Bathish Auditorium, Session D: TBD**

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

Chairs: **Gulbin Gokcay, Yvon Heller, MarieKöhler, Nick Spencer**

- **Salman Mroueh** (AUBMC): *The environment and lung health in children.*
- **Klaudia Cenda Miedzińska, PH.D.** *The Impact of the armed conflict on Children's Safety during and after the withdrawal of international security in Afghanistan*

**See Listings of Presentations in Oral Presentation Section of the Program Booklet**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM, AUB**

**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**

Introduction: **Barbara Rubio**

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

Chair: **Nick Spencer**

- **Ethics of research: Involving youth, families, the community & community researchers.**  
Speaker: **Anna Chiumento**
- **Challenges and barriers: Access/identifying respondents & populations/consent (issues of fear of speaking out) & safety of researchers**



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Speaker: **Fouad M. Fouad**

- 3. TBD

**VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH TERRACE**

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

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A**

*Research Methods in Conflict Zones*

Chair: **Karen Zwi**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B**

*Pilot Study in Yemen. Save the Children*

Chair: **Stella Tsitoura**

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C**

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

Chair: **Jeff Goldhagen**

Speaker: **Coleen Kivlahan**

**VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM**

*Public Health Response in Conflict Zones*

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

- *Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in conflict zones - IPA Vaccine Trust Project*  
Speaker: **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)

**VENUE: WEST HALL – COMMON ROOM**

**13:00-14:00 LUNCH**



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**VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM**

**THEME 4. Systems, Education and Advocacy**

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

Introduction: **Nick Spencer**

**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: **Carine Le Borgne/Lyndsay Hockin**
  - War Child: **May Aoun**
  - UNICEF: TBA
  - WHO: TBA
  
- *The Role of international Pediatric Organizations. Panel Discussion*
  - IPA: **Naveen Thacker**
  - AAP: **Coleen Kraft**
  - RCPCH: **Russell Viner**
  - ISSOP: **Jeff Goldhagen**
  - ISPCAN: **Bernard Gerbaka**

**16:00-17:30 PARALLEL Sessions**

**VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A**

**1. Protecting the most vulnerable children in Lebanon from Abuse and Exploitation**

Chair: **Geir Gunnlaugsonn**

Speakers: **Sanaa Maalouf, External Engagement Director, World Vision International and Local Community Partners**

- *Child Protection interventions and psychosocial needs of children affected by armed conflict in Lebanon*

Speaker: **Pamela Daoud**

- *Cases of violence and abuse: learning around case management of abuse cases of children affected by armed conflict*

Speaker: **Bassima Roumani from Himaya**

- *Role of faith actors in the protection of children from abuse and exploitation especially children engaged in armed conflict*

Speaker: **Sheikh Mohamad Ben Zaid**

- *Violent child discipline amongst most vulnerable children and overview of WV's research on the perceptions of parents on VCD.*

Speaker: **Sanaa Maalouf**



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## VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

### 2. *Regional Issues from a Public Health Perspective:*

Chair: **Barbara Rubio**

- *The Balkans Experience:*

Speaker: **Milivoj Jovancovic**

- *The Syrian Experience:*

- *Syrian Refugee Child Labour amongst Syrian Refugees*

Speaker: **Rima Habib**

- *Refugee research on the ground: Lessons from AMENAH project to reduce early marriage among Syrian adolescent girls in Lebanon*

Speaker: **Sawsan Abdulrahim**

- *Maternal health and prematurity in conflict settings*

Speaker: **Khalid Yunis**

## VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM C

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

Chair: **Shanti Raman**

Speaker: **Dr Saleh al Salahi**

## VENUE: WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM B

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

Chair: **Luis Martin**

Speaker: **Coleen Kivlahan**

## VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH TERRACE

17:30-19:00 TEA BREAK + AGM (WEST HALL – AUDITORIUM A)

19:30

EVENING – CONFERENCE DINNER

Gefinor Rotana Hotel

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

**VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM, AUB**

**VENUE: WEST HALL – Session A: Auditorium A, Session B: Auditorium B**

**WEST HALL – Session C: Bathish Auditorium**





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### 08:00-09:15 PARALLEL FREE PAPER SESSIONS

Chairs: Anna Battersby, Giovanna Armano, Liv Lynga von Folsach

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### VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

### 09:15-10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The mental health of children affected by arm conflict: Perspectives from a 15- year intergenerational study of war

Chair: **Joop de Jong**

Speaker: **Theresa Betancourt**

### VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH TERRACE

### 10:15-10:35 COFFEE BREAK

### VENUE: WEST HALL – BATHISH AUDITORIUM

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

### 10:35-13:00 PLENARY 6

Chair: **Jeff Goldhagen**

#### *Strategic Planning Panel Discussion*

- WHO, UNICEF, IPA, ISPCAN, UNRWA, MSF, World Vision, Save the Children, War Child, AAP, MAP

### 13:00-13:30 CLOSING REMARKS

### 14:00 VISITING TOUR

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