

Evidence-Based Approaches to Preventing Genocide

Special Issue for *Genocide Studies and Prevention*

Call for Papers

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This special issue focuses on translating empirically-grounded research into applicable insights for policy and practice relating to genocide and mass atrocity prevention. While the field of genocide studies has benefitted from increasing interdisciplinary collaboration and grown in epistemological sophistication, our special issue aims to tackle the obstacles for applying such knowledge during acute crises with an eye toward overcoming these challenges.

We welcome contributions that take on the hard questions that will define the future of the field. For example, what constitutes “evidence-based” guidance for genocide prevention policy and practice? How can deep explorations of the structural factors influencing atrocities translate for rapid, case-specific decision-making? How can researchers, who often lose on-the-ground access to their field sites during violence escalation, leverage networks and technologies for continuing preventative guidance? What tools of atrocity prevention have proven to be effective, and how do scholars measure success?

Scholars are invited to address these or other related questions by submitting original pieces that inform the field of genocide prevention, centering on applied topics like early warning, structural assessments, communal self-protection, preventive diplomacy, international intervention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, transitional justice, reconciliation and reintegration.

Authors should focus on extracting relevant insights for policymakers and practitioners, who are tasked with reducing the risk of or responding to mass atrocities in the world today. Case studies on emerging atrocities, including but not limited to China, Russia-Ukraine, Myanmar (Burma) and others, are also welcome, provided analytic insights are extracted from presentations of ground dynamics. By synthesizing current research and recommendations on genocide prevention, this special issue will provide a valuable toolbox of evidence-based approaches.

In **February 2023**, [The Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, George Mason’s Department of Philosophy](#), and the Center for Peacemaking Practice’s [Raphaël Lemkin Genocide Prevention Program](#) will convene a workshop for invited contributors to share draft manuscripts, workshop their projects, and commit to a shared timeline for revisions.

To Apply for the Workshop:

- Send a 200-word paper proposal to Managing Editor Jamie Wise (gsp.evidence@gmail.com), cc'ing Academic Editor Dr. Kristina Hook (khook2@kennesaw.edu), Kennesaw State University by **November 1, 2022**.
- Include a statement acknowledging your commitment to producing a 5,000 to 8,000 word manuscript by **January 27, 2023**.
- Include a short biographical statement about yourself and co-authors (no more than 200 words per co-author).

Process:

- The guest editors will respond in **December 2022** informing you on whether your proposal has been accepted.
- Contributors will send their manuscripts to the Special Issue Editors by **January 27, 2023**, in Microsoft Word. Please format manuscripts according to Chicago footnote style, following GSP's style guidelines available from their website.
- Manuscripts will be shared with workshop members, who commit to reading the other papers before the workshop in late **February 2023** (date to be confirmed) and sharing any comments with the authors using track changes.
- During the workshop, authors will present their papers for 10 minutes, with the understanding that fellow workshop members have already read the paper. 20 minutes will be devoted to discussing each paper and sharing feedback.
- Final manuscripts will be submitted to *Genocide Studies and Prevention* for peer review on **May 10, 2023**. Per GSP requirements, authors should submit the manuscripts themselves through the GSP website.

About the Journal: *Genocide Studies and Prevention* (GSP) is the flagship journal of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. A signatory of DORA—a pledge to eliminate the use of journal-based citation metrics to evaluate scientists and journals that has been endorsed by several European governments' national-level research agencies and leading academic departments around the world—GSP is an open-access journal and does not report citation metrics. GSP is one of the largest scholarly journals in the world, with over 150,000 annual readers and article downloads from almost every country.

Process: GSP is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal with a rejection rate ranging between 85 to 90 percent. The Special Guest Editors of this special issue are not involved in the peer-review process, and we cannot guarantee acceptance of the article. The GSP editorial board will be charged with arranging the peer reviews and will have the final say over whether an article is published or not. However, manuscripts that do not make it into the GSP will be reserved for an edited book of workshop proceedings. This edited volume will include reprints of the GSP articles, as GSP follows a creative commons copyright that gives authors control of their manuscripts.