

Field Notes of Applied Conflict Science

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A journal designed to promote both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to exploring the relationship between conflict theory, research, practice, and policy.

Mission

Field Notes of Applied Conflict Science seeks to support and develop the growth of conflict resolution practitioners and policymakers. Field Notes articles address the implications of conflict practice and research on policy-making directions, while exploring how theories and research can better inform practice, and how practice can impact policy.

Field Notes publishes articles from conflict practitioners presenting their experiences, insights, and perspectives about the conflicts they engage in. Submissions are encouraged from experts, practitioners, theorists, and scholars from all disciplines who engage in all conflict variations. We welcome submissions from, academia, business and industry, economics, the social sciences, the law, international relations, military, diplomacy, and the humanities. Papers should focus on conflict as an applied science primarily. Manuscripts may include notes and observations from the field, applied conflict resolution/mediation/negotiation practices, journalistic reporting and other forms of engaging within the conflict contexts around the world.

Field Notes of Applied Conflict Science Call for Papers

Volume 1 of the Field Notes of Applied Conflict Science aims to publish a collection of papers addressing the phenomenon of *trauma in conflict spaces* around the world. Trauma studies and the field of conflict science are inherently linked, as conflict produces trauma, and trauma influences the development and resolution of conflict. The nexus between the two is ominously present across the world, and impacts multiple actors, from individuals and communities caught in intractable violence, to those intervening in it, such as military personnel and aid workers. Yet, this nexus has not been systematically studied or comprehensively explored. In this volume, the Co-founders and Editors seek submissions from practitioners, researchers and conflict interventionists who have engaged in and/or have been directly or indirectly affected by trauma in the spaces of conflict. We seek to establish a starting point of collegial discussion, identify gaps in research, highlight effective practices, and ultimately influence policy-makers.

Within the context of trauma and conflict, we specifically seek to address the following themes and their variations:

- Psychological and psychosocial effects of trauma in conflict and warfare;
- The effects of trauma on stabilization, peacebuilding, reconciliation or transitional justice mechanisms;
- Collective/generational transmission of trauma, memory and historical narratives;
- Secondary transmission of trauma (transference/countertransference);
- Trauma and violent extremism/terrorism (as a cause and/or effect);
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and healing;
- Trauma in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) practices;
- Trauma cycle and dynamics within Victims, Perpetrators and Bystanders.


Preferential consideration will be given for manuscripts that address any elements listed above. However, all submissions will be considered

Field Notes of Applied Conflict Science aims to feature and archive the important work done by conflict practitioners - aid and humanitarian workers, international development agents; military professionals, mental health care professionals and others- engaged in vast spaces of conflict across the world to gather best practices, intervention and/or prevention methods.

Submission deadline is April 1, 2019.

Please follow the guidelines for submission on the portal. Field Notes articles follow different requirements than the Journal of Interdisciplinary Conflict Science, so please pay attention to the requirements.

Submission guidelines and submission portal can be found at [Submission Guidelines](#)



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Acceptable Articles

The following is a list of article types accepted by the *Field Notes* for publication consideration. Final article classification is at the discretion of the *Field Notes* Editorial Board.

Policy Analysis and/or New Policy Development

Manuscripts which examine previous policies, provide policy analysis and new policy proposals, and present new alternatives or builds upon previous work. Manuscripts must contain:

Definition of the problem or issue.

Analysis of the policy: data/findings/recommendations (define/present qualitative or quantitative data used to arrive at findings/recommendations)

Summary of your findings and recommendations. Provide specific recommendations or findings in response to specific problems and avoid generalizations.

Explain the key assumptions underlying your analysis

When and where appropriate address possible counterarguments, alternative interpretations, reservations or caveats to your recommendations and/or your findings (think of the counterarguments a decision-maker will have when considering your recommendations)

Suggest next steps and the implications of the findings or recommendations. You may briefly address the feasibility of next steps or explore the implications of your analysis.

Provide succinct conclusions, big picture, overall goal, the urgency of action (“who cares and why?”) (10-15 pages)

Applied Fieldwork: Practice Observations/Implementation/Monitoring/Evaluation/Analysis

Manuscripts which examine current conflict and applied field work, single or comparative case studies. The manuscript that highlights conflict and/or peacebuilding practice (for prevention, intervention, mitigation of conflict, including humanitarian aid, international development projects, security assistance, justice, law and governance, etc.) to provide new analysis and offer insight and a deeper understanding of the conflict/practice methodology being examined. Articles must contain:

Brief conflict background description and analysis,

Including the historical background; main drivers of conflict and their dynamics (conflict parties/main actors);

Description of the program implemented (who, what, when, how); target audience; evaluation and analysis.

Brief review of the literature supporting the development and assessment of program

Outcomes, critiques and recommendations for improvement and/or donor support (10-15 pages)

Applied Fieldwork: Personal and/or Collective Trauma Narratives

Stories from the field that portray personal and/or collective narratives of conflict traumas. Powerful accounts from victims, perpetrators, bystanders, interventionists who have been impacted by trauma and want their voices heard and give others a voice. We recognize that speaking about traumatic events can be retraumatizing for some people, and that is not the intention of this call. We encourage submissions only from individuals who feel comfortable reflecting on their experiences, and contributing their life stories to enrich the collective understanding of the complex conflict spaces around the world. Given the sensitive nature of the topic, if contributors wish to remain anonymous, the Journal will protect their privacy by not publishing their names and/or use alias only. (5-10 pages)

Field Notes Article Reviews

Review of previous articles presented in *Field Notes* (10 pages). **(Non Peer Reviewed, Editorial Board Refereed.)**

Letters to the Editors, Commentary or Reactions (5 pages)

Podcast: The Field Notes will be featuring a monthly podcast series with those who contributed articles and/or other conflict practitioners. If you'd like to participate, please email the editors.