



# International symposium on violence risk assessment



From research to practice in clinical, correctional and law enforcement settings

**17.Nov - 18.Nov 2025**

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**Mod.:**

Face-to-face

**Edition**

2025

**Activity type**

Workshop

**Date**

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**Location**

Miramar Palace

**Languages**

English Spanish

**Academic Validity**

20 hours

**Organising Committee**



## Description

This international symposium will bring together leading experts, researchers, practitioners and a non-specialist audience to explore the multifaceted challenges of violence risk assessment across mental health, correctional, and policing settings.

The event will delve into the complex relationship between mental disorders and different violent behaviors (including intimate partner violence, sexual violence or suicide), examine key risk and protective factors, and showcase cutting-edge approaches to risk prediction and management.

Through keynote lectures, and panel discussions the symposium aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and promote evidence-based practices. It will also serve as a platform for knowledge dissemination to both specialized professionals and the general public, in line with the principles of open science and public engagement. It will be a unique opportunity to learn about the origins, current developments, and future directions of violence risk assessment, offering both a deeper understanding for society at large and an up-to-date overview for professionals working in the field.

## Objectives

### **Advance scientific understanding of violence risk assessment and management**

Often misunderstood, violence risk assessment is a crucial methodology for preventing harm and threats. By critically examining current research on risk factors and violent behavior, and identifying emerging trends and gaps, the symposium will help both professionals and interested attendees deepen their understanding of the field.

### **Promote evidence-based risk assessment**

Enhancing the knowledge of those working in mental health, correctional, or law enforcement settings is key to improving case management and follow-up. Presenting and discussing validated tools and methodologies will support this goal.

### **Enhance risk management strategies**

Risk assessment is intrinsically linked to risk management and protection. Exploring practical approaches to managing individuals at risk—including intervention planning, multidisciplinary collaboration, and ethical considerations—will help improve current practices and highlight the relevance of this methodology.

### **Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration**

Violent behavior is a complex phenomenon that requires coordinated responses. One objective of the symposium is to emphasize the importance of collaboration across disciplines and clarify the roles and responsibilities of different services when cases span multiple sectors. Dialogue among professionals in psychiatry, psychology, criminology, and policing will be key to this effort.

### **Support public engagement through open science**

Making scientific knowledge accessible to a wider audience promotes transparency, societal awareness, and informed public discourse. The symposium will offer the opportunity to explain risk factors, assessment procedures, and violence prevention strategies in an inclusive and engaging way for lay audience.

## In collaboration with



## Directed by



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Dr. Loinaz is a psychologist and criminologist, currently a Ramón y Cajal researcher at the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) and member of the OSAKLINIK research group. He specializes in violence risk assessment, forensic psychology, and intimate partner violence, with additional research on sexual violence, female offenders, and child-to-parent violence. He is the author of more than 30 scientific articles, book chapters, and manuals, including *Manual de evaluación del riesgo de violencia* (Pirámide, 2017), the first comprehensive handbook on this topic in Spanish. He collaborates with different police services in the development and adaptation of risk assessment tools for gender-based and domestic violence. Dr. Loinaz has received several awards, including the Mariano Yela Award from the Spanish Society of Forensic Psychology (SEPJF, 2014), where he currently serves as a board member. His current research focuses on updating the gender- and domestic-violence risk assessment system used by police in the Basque Country—funded by the Basque Government—as well as developing new procedures for assessing risk in other contexts.

## **Place**

### **Miramar Palace**

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