



International symposium on violence risk assessment



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

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Workshop

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Miramar Palace

Langues

Anglais Espagnol

Reconnaissance officielle par l'État

20 heures

Comité d'organisation



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.

Objectifs

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.

En collaboration avec



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Es psicólogo y criminólogo, actualmente investigador Ramón y Cajal en la Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU) y miembro del grupo de investigación OSAKLINIK. Está especializado en evaluación del riesgo de violencia, psicología forense y violencia de género, con investigaciones sobre la violencia sexual, mujeres delincuentes y violencia filio-parental. Es autor de más de 30 artículos científicos, capítulos de libros y manuales, entre los que se incluye el Manual de evaluación del riesgo de violencia (Pirámide, 2017), el primer manual completo sobre evaluación del riesgo de violencia en español. Colabora con cuerpo policiales en el desarrollo y la adaptación de herramientas de evaluación del riesgo de violencia de género y doméstica. El Dr. Loinaz ha recibido varios premios, entre ellos el Premio Mariano Yela de la Sociedad Española de Psicología Forense (SEPJF, 2014), de la que actualmente es miembro de la junta directiva. Su investigación actual se centra en la actualización del sistema de evaluación del riesgo de violencia de género y doméstica utilizado por la policía en el País Vasco, financiado por el Gobierno Vasco, así como en el desarrollo de nuevos procedimientos para la evaluación del riesgo en otros contextos.

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