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Child Protection and Social Inequality

Message from the Guest Editors

There is longstanding and widespread evidence of profound differences in reported levels, experiences and outcomes of child abuse and neglect, between countries, between areas within countries, and between subgroups of children and parents. Such differences have been related to poverty and social class, race and ethnicity, child and parental disability and poor health, gender, age and sexual orientation, as well as to law, policy and practice. Currently, an inequalities perspective is very underdeveloped in child protection research and discourse by comparison with the focus on inequalities in health and in education. This Special Issue of Social Sciences aims to promote the theoretical, methodological and empirical development of such an inequalities perspective. We welcome submissions from authors with a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds in order to establish new thinking and new evidence about child protection inequalities internationally.

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