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SPECIAL ISSUE

“Cross-Border and Transboundary Resilience”

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Special Issue Overview

When disaster strikes, initial aid is frequently provided by local and adjacent communities in the affected country due to geographic proximity. What happens, however, when a disaster-hit area lies along a border and the nearest region capable of helping is in another country?

Establishing cross-border coordination for crisis prevention, intervention and recovery can pose a number of challenges. It requires collaboration of a number of actors that are diverse culturally, and otherwise. Language barriers, organizational interoperability issues and diverse legislative requirements are potential obstacles. Other variables include: compatible technical equipment, common legislative frameworks, mutual communication procedures, and trust between the first responders on both sides of the border. Without all this, misunderstanding and discord could occur.

Crises which span national borders (such as financial collapse or pandemics) can also test and change the unique historical, economical and geographical identity of a region. This can result in a new attitude toward and sense of partnership with the citizens on the other side of the border. With cooperation can come trust and respect.

Additionally, in the last two decades, virtual social and economic connections — enabled by advances in technology and globalization — transcend geography to promote transboundary cooperation during crises. As a result, multiple affected countries that do not share physical frontiers can coalesce to respond to a crisis anywhere in the world.

While dynamic and highly relevant areas of emergency management, the roles of frontiers in global crises and transboundary collaboration remain understudied.

This special issue of the *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JHSEM)* seeks to attract new research in borderland and transboundary resilience, especially with regard to critical success factors, obstacles and potential levers of cross-border and international cooperation in the context of crisis management. This issue seeks to answer: how can nations strengthen their resilience **in the midst of a crisis** by addressing intercultural and inter-organizational challenges from a scientific point of view?

Topics

Disasters and emergencies can occur in a large spectrum of border and transboundary contexts that can include but are not restricted to:

- Emergencies and disasters that involve populations, equipment, critical infrastructures and services originating from various countries, regions or territories
- Situations that involve the mobility or migration of population (ranging from local to international population movement, such as during evacuation) or that imply the risk of political and social conflicts between regions and countries
- Response to natural disasters that affect various territories separated by social, political or topological borders (e.g. floods, blackouts, pandemics, heat waves)
- Situations that require transnational and transregional cooperation between different countries, including management from distant locations (such as pandemics)
- Humanitarian activities, logistics and organization of disaster management to disabled and vulnerable populations (such as tourists and the elderly)
- Pan-national planning and preparation of events that could occur in one country or another (such as European management of frontiers closing during the Covid-19 pandemic)

In addition to these suggested subject areas, *JHSEM* welcomes contributions that investigate challenges of cooperation and responses to disaster-related emergencies in border regions, in particular by exploring:

- Cultural differences among various populations
- Models of human and (inter-)organisational behavior (e.g. network analysis, agent-based modeling and simulation)

Finally, we welcome innovative methodologies that have been rarely used in the examination of emergency response to cross-border events:

- Archive & historical analysis, prospective analysis and data analysis

- Systematic reviews of phenomena related to transboundary crisis management

Original and high-quality research that is neither published nor currently under review by any other publication is welcome. Papers must be written in English and comply with the mission of the *Journal*. All papers submitted for inclusion in this special issue will be peer-reviewed in accordance with the standard procedures of the *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*. Prospective authors should submit an electronic copy of their complete manuscript via the electronic submission system. Please select “Cross-Border Resilience” for article type. The publication timetable is as follows:

Important Dates

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Submission of revised paper: November 15, 2021 (updated)

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