

What War Leaves Behind

CALL FOR ARTICLES • DEADLINE 15 JANUARY 2027

Dear Colleagues,

As part of the publication programme following the conference War, Soil, and Freshwater Systems, held in Prague on 15–17 October 2026, submissions are now invited for ***What War Leaves Behind***.

<https://pdconference.org/>

All registered conference participants are invited to contribute, including those who were unable to attend in Prague. Additional authors whose research falls within the scope of the collection will also be invited.

Structure of the Collection

Part I — Nature: The Environmental Consequences of Military Activity. Consequences for soils, surface water and groundwater, organisms, ecosystems, and landscapes.

Part II — Homo Sapiens: The Human Consequences of Military Activity. Consequences for health, living conditions, settlements, and social and territorial systems, together with scholarly studies of the long-term effects of war on human communities.

The collection will bring together independent scholarly articles. Their thematic grouping and order will be determined by the editorial team on the basis of the accepted submissions.

Submission Requirements

Submissions must be scholarly articles with a clearly defined research focus, substantiated arguments, and references to the sources used.

This is not a memoir collection. Personal recollections and accounts of lived experience will not be accepted as standalone contributions. Testimonies and recollections may be used as sources for scholarly analysis, but must not replace it.

Political opinion pieces, partisan advocacy, and ideological declarations will not be accepted. Discussion of historical circumstances and decisions by governmental or military bodies must be directly relevant to the research topic and supported by documented sources.

Articles previously published in other outlets will not be accepted. The sole exception is articles published in the journal Pollution and Diseases. Authors submitting such articles must provide a link to the original publication in the journal's publication catalogue.

Publication catalogue: <https://pollution-diseases-ojs.org/index.php/pd/catalog/category/all-publications>

Manuscripts must be submitted in a complete form. The editorial team will check compliance with the scope of the collection and the submission requirements. Substantive rewriting by the editorial team is not provided; any necessary revisions must be made by the authors. Submission does not guarantee acceptance.

Language and Length

The language of publication is English. The recommended maximum length is 40,000 characters, including spaces, for the entire manuscript. This includes the title, author information, abstract, main text, tables, figure captions, and references.

Authors whose first language is not English are guaranteed free English-language editing of their submitted English manuscripts. This service covers language and clarity of expression. Authors remain responsible for the scholarly content, accuracy of information, arguments, and conclusions.

Technical Requirements

The manuscript text, tables, and illustrations must be submitted separately. Photographs, graphs, diagrams, and other illustrations must be supplied as individual files and must not be embedded in the manuscript text. Tables must be provided as separate editable files, not as images.

All tables and illustrations must be numbered consistently. The manuscript must contain clear references to every table, figure, and photograph, together with explicit placement markers, such as [Insert Table 1 here] or [Insert Figure 2 here]. Corresponding file names and captions must use the same numbering.

The manuscript text must be supplied as plain, unformatted text, with a clear heading structure. If submitted as a Word document, it must contain text only, without a designed page layout. Authors must not undertake their own typesetting or page design in Word. Columns, text boxes, decorative elements, custom styles, and manual layout arrangements are not permitted. All publication design and typesetting will be handled centrally by the editorial team.

Number of Submissions

There is no limit on the number of articles an author may submit. Authors may contribute individually and as members of different co-author teams. Each article will be considered separately and must meet the same submission requirements.

Publication Terms

There are no submission, editorial preparation, or publication fees for authors. Publication will remain free of charge regardless of whether external funding is secured.

No honoraria or royalties will be paid to contributors, including from sales of the collection.

Submission Deadline and Contact

The final deadline for manuscript submission is 15 January 2027.

Please send manuscripts and enquiries to contact@pollution-diseases.org

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