**Additional Guidelines for Authors**

Please consider the following additional guidelines in writing your article:

* **Relation of article to Special Issue:** Articles must further the field’s knowledge about the issue being addressed in the Special Issue; namely, the relationship (if any) between adoption and trauma.
* **Type of article:** Empirical, theoretical, and clinical articles, and critical or autoethnographic commentaries, are acceptable. All authors are encouraged to contextualize their papers in broader consideration of diverse adoption experience, literature, research, theory, policy, and practice. For those writing autoethnographic commentaries or clinical pieces, please take care to anonymize the identities of others.
* **Type of adoption:** Authors should be clear regarding what type of adoption they are referring to in discussing its relationship to trauma (e.g. private, from public care, international, stepparent, etc.).
* **Definition of trauma:** Authors are asked to provide a clear definition of trauma, with appropriate source citation, and contextualize their definition of trauma within the type/s of adoption being discussed.
* **Diversity of Disciplines, Cultures, and Family Types:** We encourage submissions from all disciplines, from individuals whose work or experience focuses on cultures not typically represented in the adoption literature (i.e. non-Western cultures), and from those whose work cuts across different family types in terms of type of adoption, age of child at adoption; racial makeup of the family; kinship vs non-kinship adoption; sexual orientation of parents; social class; etc.
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