

Towards the Democratization of Knowledge and Practice in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Global Perspectives and Local Realities

We are pleased to invite submissions for a special issue in the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (IJCACJ)*. This special issue will explore new frontiers in international crime, justice, and/or global criminology. The *IJCACJ* is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes original, theoretically engaged, empirical, or applied research in criminal justice and criminology that informs scholars and policymakers around the globe.

This special issue invites scholars and practitioners to address areas related to (1) knowledge formation derived from social problems faced by individuals, communities, and institutions in under-researched contexts; (2) the logistical barriers to international research; (3) comparative applied research across criminal justice systems and non-criminal justice institutions; (4) the applicability of foundational concepts and methods in criminology and criminal justice internationally, particularly in non-western jurisdictions.

We welcome conceptual, theoretical, and empirical manuscripts, including but not limited to the following:

- Positioning traditional and contemporary theories to explain a broader range of crime and victimization in local, virtual, transnational, and international contexts
- Revitalizing prior approaches and/or applying fresh perspectives to discourses of globalization that position marginalized jurisdictions, communities, and people at the center of the investigation
- Integrating theories of Global North and Global South perspectives on crime and justice in expanding knowledge practices and formations
- Illustrating the best practices and research methodologies in theorizing and testing country-specific and crime-specific models advancing crime control and crime prevention initiatives
- Focusing on cross-national comparative research, including but not restricted to:
 1. Exploring novel international crime data sources
 2. Going beyond traditional data sources and assessing the reliability of open sources
 3. Deploying qualitative, quantitative, and/or mixed methods to underexplored international research settings
 4. Building comparative longitudinal models and experimental designs to study international crime and justice
 5. Exploring how intersectional research in international settings could enhance theoretical explanations in criminology and criminal justice
 6. Engaging global and local organizations and stakeholders at all stages of research to produce knowledge and improve policy practices

Submission Guidelines:

- **Full Manuscript Submission Deadline:** February 15, 2025.
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