

Editorial

Letter from the Editors

Dear reader,

A mere glance at the size of this issue will give you a clue as to why we are a little behind our publishing schedule this time. We apologize for the delay, and hope you agree with us that the results are well worth waiting for.

This issue focuses specifically on reviewing violence research in the Global South; this is the part of the world worst affected by violence, least able to manage its manifestations and consequences, but also most neglected by research. Promoting the scientific study of the Global South, especially by researchers from or based there, has always been one of this journal's priorities. So we are especially pleased to present a set of literature surveys that provide a picture of the findings to date and will hopefully serve as a valuable resource for further research: four geographical reviews covering the entire geographical sweep of LDCs and NICs from Manchuria to Cape Horn are complemented by thematic contributions on resources and conflict and on the regional diffusion of violence.

Of the other four contributions in this issue, two fittingly originate from Brazil: an examination of the problems involved in interpreting crime statistics and a study of the effects of affirmative action on ethnic identity. But to show that our remit is truly global, we also have two pieces concerning Europe, on prejudice in Germany and ethnic stereotypes in Estonia.

And now of course, we turn our full attention to preparing the next issue, with a focus section on youth and violence, to appear in the fall.

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