

# Editorial

## Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

Wilhelm Heitmeyer, founder of *IJCV* and its editor-in-chief for eight years, retired from the post in April this year. We are very grateful for his outstanding initiative to bring a peer-reviewed tracked international and interdisciplinary journal on conflict and violence into life. Wilhelm's expertise as senior professor will help us to maintain the excellence of *IJCV*, but with great respect we accept his retirement as editor-in-chief.

During the past eight years the International Journal of Conflict and Violence has been established as a renowned and internationally visible scientific forum – this would not have been possible without the generous support, sage advice, and valuable contributions by Douglas S. Massey, James Sidanius, and Michel Wieviorka. Sincere thanks to them for their engagement.

His appointed successor Andreas Zick joins forces with a renewed editorial board to take on a now established and widely respected publication – and perhaps challenge the status quo.

We are pleased that the issue 8 (1) has now been finalized. Klaus Neumann and Dan Anderson introduce us to the topic of violence, justice, and the work of memory. We are grateful for their impressive collection of pieces from all around the world, which lend valuable insights into the issues involved in the aftermath of intrastate conflict.

The open section again features an interesting collection of articles on a range of subjects, starting with a reflection on postwar youth in Guatemala. Why adolescents become involved in violence at all is the central question in the second article, while the third examines CasaPound as an example for a far-right group from a qualitative perspective. The open section closes with a social psychological examination of the controversy surrounding the Strauss-Kahn case, which attracted so much media attention in 2013.

The next issue focuses on extremely violent societies and will again be released slightly delayed.

Enjoy reading and stay in touch with *IJCV*!

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