

Editorial

Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

As quite some time has passed since the release of our last issue we are very pleased to present the latest International Journal of Conflict and Violence.

The focus section, guest-edited by Laurent Fourchard (CERI, Sciences Po, France) and Aurelia Segatti (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa), offers analyses on the understanding of xenophobic violence, based upon extensive empirical research undertaken over the past four years across three countries (Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa) and employing historical and ethnographic methods. The collection shifts our understanding of xenophobia, as the systematic construction of strangers supposedly threatening a local or national community, by focusing on local and urban scales.

The Journal's open section again features articles dealing with aspects from the whole range of topics of conflict and violence. Starting with an analysis of intrastate conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa, the section then turns to the discussion of the antecedents of group-based compunction and anger and how they connect to colonial-related collective experiences. The subsequent contribution illuminates the specific issue of extremely violent behaviour by reconstructing its social shaping. And last not least the final paper in this issue discusses the acceptance of modern myths about sexual aggression in Greece, testing and validating the standard social psychological instrument for this phenomenon.

We hope you enjoy reading as much as we do!

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