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FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Fall 2022 issue of *InterNews*, the official newsletter of our Division!

Given the international news stories as of late on the topic, this issue focuses on gun violence. Within this issue, there is a research note by Ghady Hbeilini, a graduate student, whose research focuses on violent extremism. We have a teaching note from Dr. Victor Asal, who recently led an excellent workshop for the Division, on how to incorporate games into pedagogy when discussing political violence. There are also many important updates from the Division enclosed within this issue, including upcoming events at ASC's Annual Meeting next month (don't miss the DIC luncheon!).

Is your department looking to hire this year? Check within for spotlights from DIC student members who are on the market this year!

All this, and more, can be found within this issue of *InterNews*! We hope you enjoy!

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NOTE FROM DIC CHAIR

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Dear DIC Colleagues:

I think you will agree with me that the Inter-News editors have prepared a very interesting and informative Fall newsletter. Our thanks to Editor-in-Chief, Jared Dmello, Associate Editor, Dragana Derlic, and Assistant Editor, Stuti Kokkalera, for their hard work. The focus on gun violence is timely and both the Research Note by Ghady Hbeilini and the Teaching Note by Victor Asal are appropriate and thought provoking.

The DIC has been quite active this year, with the virtual teaching workshop held by Victor Asal in September and the upcoming webinar by Nicholas Lovrich (see Division Announcements later in this newsletter). Lovrich will provide an interesting extension to last year's Freda Adler Distinguished International Scholar Award Address (available in *International Criminology*, 2022), wherein Adler Award recipient Jay Albanese suggests that corruption is the largest problem in the world.

Regarding our division awards, I want to encourage you to attend the DIC Annual Award Luncheon to be held on Friday November 18th at 12:30pm at the Atalian Restaurant—a 3-5 minute walk from the Marriott. The luncheon is always a well-attended event (at the end of September, 62 of the 100 available luncheon tickets had been sold) and provides a great opportunity to honor our awardees and to mingle with old and new friends. Please plan to stay at the restaurant for our annual business meeting immediately after the luncheon.

A final note regarding the ASC meeting in Atlanta. This year, the DIC Executive Board welcomed requests from organizers of panels and roundtables to have their event sponsored by the DIC. We are pleased to have identified five panels and 2 roundtables to receive that sponsorship and we encourage you to include these among the events in your calendar. In the online program, search for <Sponsored by Division of International Criminology>. Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta—especially at the awards luncheon!

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RESEARCH NOTE

GUN VIOLENCE: THE UNDERLYING THREAT

BY: GHADY HBEILINI, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY



When one is asked to think of the most violent crime that can be committed, a typical answer would be terrorism: an attack that is so devastating and impactful on a community that the very thought of it triggers anxiety symptoms such as panic and fear. Terrorist attacks are among the most dangerous, man-made actions that threaten the safety and security of a society. However, this

category of violence is not as threatening as it is traumatic. The sight of locations, buildings, and streets transforming into what resembles a warzone, areas filled with ruin and debris instead of the usual people who used to spend time there worrying about mundane issues. It is a difficult thought to process; that is part of the reason why it is perceived as an immediate and extreme threat, despite the presence of other issues that have taken much more lives as they rampage through countries and societies unbothered by actions and responses like those taken to fight terrorism.

Gun violence, more broadly, is a worldwide pandemic that has plagued countries and societies for over decades. It is an act of violence committed using a firearm, which can include homicide, violent crimes, suicide, attempted homicide or suicide, and any other unintentional act that leads to the death or injury of others (AAFP, 2018). Although it is a topic of constant discussion among world leaders and other officials, it has not received the same attention as terrorism in terms of policy changes. April 15, 2013, is a date most American citizens, and some other countries, know as the day of the Boston marathon bombings, an incident that led to the death of three people, and injured hundreds (Ray, 2022). On that same day, there were four other people who lost their lives, who were far away from the tragic events of the Boston marathon. However, these four people were not shown on the news, the events of their deaths remain largely unknown to the public, and the threat that has taken their lives was overshadowed by that of a more impactful incident (Perritano, 2013).

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On April 15, 2013, Breshuana Jackson, her unborn child, and James Tucker III were shot and killed. On that same day, Nigel Hardy, a 13-year-old kid, used his father's gun to commit suicide (CBS News, 2013a, 2013b). Additionally, while terrorism claimed the lives of around 20,000 people worldwide, gun violence has ended the lives of over 250,000 people in that same year (Aizenman, 2022; Amnesty International, 2019; Ritchie et al. 2013; World Population Review, 2022).

The issue of gun violence has been a topic of debate in countries all over the world as they witness deaths and injuries using guns. Few, however, have tightened the restrictions on gun ownership to reduce the incidences of gun violence, while most have put plans in place to prevent and combat the occurrence of terrorism and terrorist acts. Countries, such as the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, have all had previous incidences of gun violence and mass shootings. In the UK, for example, the Dunblane massacre was a mass shooting incident at a school in Scotland in 1996 that claimed the lives of 16 children, a teacher, and later the perpetrator himself who managed to injure many others. The UK proceeded to implement stricter gun control measures among its citizens and managed to prevent the reoccurrence of such a tragedy. Despite the proven efficiency of this approach and acknowledging the issues of criminal gangs that plague some countries with an increase in gun violence, such as the Americas, most countries worldwide remain idle as they focus on outside threats, overlooking the spread of the terror within (Aizenman, 2022; Fisher, 2022; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2017; Tita, 2007).

Furthermore, in the United States, gun violence research has received a funding of \$25 million dollars after over a 20-year lack of funding, while counter terrorism efforts have been approximated at \$175 billion. Although this highly depends on many factors such as foreign aid, various agency, etc., it does show that results from research thus far have not been implemented (Belasco et al., 2018; Weir, 2021). The amount of research pertaining to gun violence is lengthy and vast. There has been many that have targeted the identification of causal and risk factors of these incidences and the consequent ways of tackling these issues. For example, Sanchez et al. (2020) conducted a systematic literature review with the goal of identifying the main causes mentioned; from the 2,304 manuscripts included in the sample, focus was shifted towards 22 specific ones that delineate the contributions of mental illness: specifically suicidal ideation, substance use, violent behavior or history, and

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gun access. This identification allowed for policy and prevention recommendations to target these specific issues with the aim of decreasing gun violence. Other studies have found that there are certain approaches that have given efficient results in the prevention or reduction of gun violence such as increased and consistent police patrols in gun crime hotspots, and conducting background checks for gun buyers (Sherman, 2001). Therefore, a focus on the implementation of gun violence prevention tactics must be at the forefront of the priorities to tackle both internal and external threats appropriately.

This is not to say that one threat should be prioritized over the other. To the contrary, terrorism is an increasingly dangerous and difficult menace to fight, and focus should remain firmly aimed towards combatting it with the goal of its eradication. However, it must be realized that terror can be both external and internal. Focus should not only be directed towards the stereotypical locations that have “high terrorist activity”, but it should also be pointed towards the internal threat of gun violence that feeds the terror into the hearts of the countries themselves as fear grows within children at school, parents, and everyone else who has suffered or is at risk of suffering a loss due to rampant and unmonitored gun usage.

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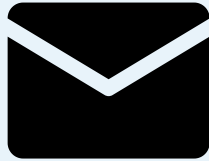
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TEACHING NOTE

TEACHING POLITICAL VIOLENCE USING GAMES

BY: VICTOR ASAL, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, SUNY



Political violence can be a very hard topic to teach. Many students know little of such violence and what they do know is usually from movies or books that portrays the challenges and pain of such interaction in ways that often bear little connection to reality. I have found that using games to teach a variety of topics in political science to be very useful (Asal, 2005, Asal et al., 2014) and the same is true when teaching about political violence (Rosen & Asal, 2021). Simulations can be used to engage students in ways that lectures cannot and forces them to use their own judgement – as well as gain experience in challenging situations. There are disadvantages to using games like taking time away from other choices and cooperation from students. Still, they are usually worth the effort in helping students understand the material from a different perspective.

One example of a useful game is the Hobbes game where the students are given playing cards and told that if they are alive (by having a card in hand) at the end of the game they get a half grade bonus on the next quiz. If they want, they can play Rock, Paper Scissors and take their classmates cards and the classmate dies. What the students usually do is kill and kill each other- which matches very much with Hobbes view of humanity given that I never said there could be only one winner (Asal, 2005). I have had many students tell me that this game made them understand much better why people seem to resort to violence even if they do not need to- so they can be the winner.

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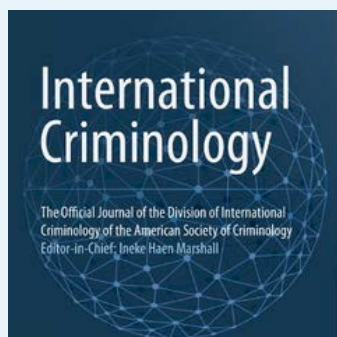
I also have an exercise that focuses on the ethics of violence- something students often do not hear about. I present the students with three ethical approaches they can adopt – character based, duty based, or ends based tied to different philosophers (Asal et. al, 2014). The students are then presented with three different political violence scenarios and need to figure out the right thing to do in a limited amount of time. The first scenario forces the students to deal with the ethical challenge of political violence when soldiers need to decide to fire or not when their enemy is surrounded by civilians (Filkins, 2003). The second scenario takes place in Iraq and the students have to decide what to do if there is a village where they think (but are not sure) there are a significant number of terrorists. Should they attack it with soldiers and if so should they warn them first or should they simply call in an air strike? The third scenario is one where a terrorist bomb has gone off killing many people and then another bomb has gone off when rescue personnel arrive, killing even more people. A terrorist has been captured and you as the commander needs to decide how to interrogate the captured terrorist. All three of these scenarios present a diverse range of dilemmas that force students to get a better sense of the difficulty of ethics in wars.

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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

FROM: INEKE H. MARSHALL, THE EDITOR



There are a number of good things to report on International Criminology, the official publication of the Division of International Criminology. To start, I am happy to report that the winning paper of the 2021 DIC student paper competition “An Empirical Test of Procedural Justice, Legitimacy and Public Cooperation with the Police in China” written by Xiaoshuang Iris Luo of the University of California Irvine, has been accepted for publication in our journal. Like all other submitted manuscripts to the journal, her paper underwent stringent peer review, and now her exciting work is published in our journal, next to the works of more senior scholars from across the globe. Congratulations to Xiaoshuang Iris Luo! One such senior scholar is Jay Albanese, the 2021 recipient of the Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award, whose thought-provoking address “Why Corruption is the Largest Problem in the World” was published in June.

In addition to publishing high-quality individual papers, we aim to produce special thematic issues. The special issue by guest editors Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich and Jon Maskaly titled “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Crime and Criminal Justice Systems across the World” (Volume 2, Issue 1, 2022) is an excellent example of the synergetic value of assembling a number of papers focusing on the same topic, from a variety of perspectives, covering a number of different regions of the world. Two of our colleagues from the UK, Kari Davies, Bournemouth University and Miranda Horath, University of Suffolk just completed their guest editorship on the special issue on “Project Bluestone in the UK: A New Approach to Transforming Police Practice in Sex Offence Investigations” (September 2022, Volume 2, Issue 3), showcasing a novel approach to dealing with serious sexual assault cases in the UK. This special issue uses the experiences in one country (UK) to suggest the possibility of policy transfer to other regions and cultures.

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FROM: INEKE H. MARSHALL, THE EDITOR

Although we do have a number of other thematic issues in the pipeline, we welcome new proposals for either a thematic issue (i.e. the entire issue focuses on one theme), or a symposium (i.e. a smaller number of articles around one theme, published together with some non-thematic articles). For more detailed information, please consult the website or send me an e-mail.

This journal is the official publication of the Division of International Criminology, and thus I hope that the membership takes a very active interest in the continuing success of the journal. I invite you to check the website for information on how to add your name as a potential reviewer, and a listing of your particular areas of expertise. Having a large pool of reviewers who are well versed in global, international or comparative criminology and criminal justice is a tremendous help to the further successful development of our journal.

I also want to draw your attention to the potential of contributing book reviews to the journal. We would especially like to include books that are relevant for the Global South! However, any recently published book that has relevance to comparative or international criminology and criminal justice is of potential interest to our readership. Thus, hereby an invitation to you to contact our book review editor, Thomas Akoensi, in case you are interested in reviewing a book, or if you would like to suggest a particular book for review. Proposals for book review essays (combining two or three books in one larger review) are also welcome.

The journal is an outlet for high-quality scholarly work representing diverse global regions, methodologies and perspectives. However, the journal publishes not only analytic research-based articles, but also policy essays. The content of the first two years (2021 and 2022) is downloadable for free, which encourages a broad readership for your work. I encourage you to sign up for TOC alerts on the journal's website, and, of course, follow International Criminology on social media. And, most importantly, consider International Criminology as a potential outlet for your own scholarly work!



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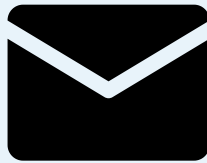
Matthew Kafafian is a Doctoral Candidate who will defend his dissertation in the Spring of 2023. His research expertise centers on working with a range of data sources while utilizing novel methodologies to better understand the causes and consequences of victimization in Western and non-Western contexts. His published research has appeared in *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Child Maltreatment*, and *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

His dissertation explores the consequences of victimization experiences in Russia and Ukraine. Using novel data of a random sample of Ukrainian citizens exposed to the Donbas War, his dissertation is concerned with understanding the consequences of war victimization to the individuals exposed to it. In doing so, his dissertation draws on theory and knowledge from the victim-offender overlap to investigate potential individual-level mechanisms that may help explain why individuals who experience war victimization are at increased risk of offending or other negative behavioral outcomes.

Matthew is equally dedicated to teaching. Currently, he is teaching an undergraduate Criminology course, but he is prepared to teach a range of core undergraduate or graduate level courses, such as Criminological Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics, as well as specialized courses in Global Criminology or Human Trafficking. He has mentored undergraduate, masters', and early-career doctoral students on statistics, data collection, data management/data cleaning, statistical softwares (Stata; R), data analysis, and manuscript writing. Overall, his goal is to seek a tenure-track assistant professor position at an R1 or R2 university where he can teach, carry out research, and mentor students.

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SHANTOL D. MCINTOSH, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY



Shantol McIntosh is a Ph.D. candidate in the Justice Studies Department at Prairie View A&M University. She has been an instructor for two courses for the past three semesters: Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRIJ 1301) and Crime in America (CRIJ 1307). Shantol's pedagogy includes relating course content using face-to-face and recorded lectures, trending (relevant) online videos, and current affairs articles to stimulate student interests.

Shantol's research interests include policing, police and youth interaction, youth gangs, delinquency, victimization, child/youth maltreatment, prison population, correction officers' excessive use of force, and policy implications. She is currently researching youth's perception of police in the South and completing her dissertation. In her free time, she enjoys podcasting, roller skating, and volunteering in her community.

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Ms. Sh-Shanna Ellington, ABD, PMP is a Doctoral Candidate and Graduate Teaching Assistant at Prairie View A&M University where she plans to defend her dissertation in Spring 2023. Ms. Ellington has conducted research in the following areas; Texas Juvenile Justice Secured Facilities, Scamming culture of youths due to COVID-19 pandemic in Jamaica, School Mass Shootings in the United States, Police Reform; comparative analysis of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act 2020 and the Justice Act on Police Reform, Youth Victimization, and Problematic Pornographic Habits of Youths due to COVID-19.

Ms. Ellington has published reports for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University. She currently has two articles under review where she drew on qualitative methodologies and conducted a systematic literature review.

Ms. Ellington received third place for a graduate student research paper on Police-Juvenile Interaction: An Evaluation of Police-Juvenile Interaction Training and De-escalation Procedures. Ms. Ellington is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP ®), a former Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and a Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Forensic Chemist, and Research Chemist.

Ms. Ellington is interested in job opportunities related to research and administration both in and outside of academia. Ms. Ellington should be available for employment in May 2023 and is willing to relocate.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

LITHUANIAN ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINOLOGISTS LIEUTVOS KRIMINOLOGU ASOCIACIJA (LKA)

The Lithuanian Association of Criminologists (Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija LKA) was founded in 2010. Its mission is to nurture the traditions of Lithuanian criminology and promote the scientific research of criminologists, mobilize them and represent the interests Association members.

The Association brings together researchers dealing with crime, victims of crime, penal policy and related issues, as well practitioners working in both the public and non-governmental sectors. The members of the LKA are also legal entities - research and study institutions. Currently LKA unites over 50 members.

The Association develops its activities in several directions and regularly organizes national and international scientific and practical events. National conferences of criminologists are organized annually on a topic relevant to researchers and practitioners. These conferences usually take place in the spring. The seminar of Baltic criminologists takes place in Lithuania every four years, and LKA is one of the organizers. The 27th of May is The Lithuanian Criminologists' Day, during which scientific discussions and other events are organized.

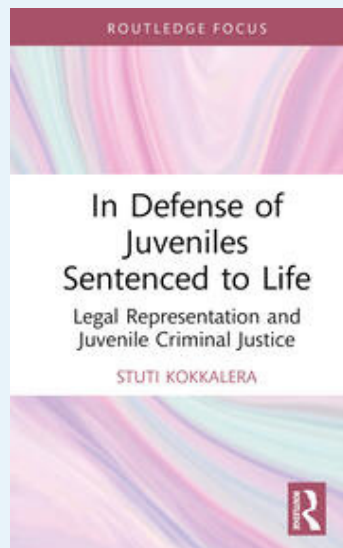
LKA is also a cofounder of the scientific journal "Criminological studies", which is open for national and international authors: Kriminologijos studijos (vu.lt). LKA also initiates discussions on crime and penal policy issues with representatives of governmental institutions and other related organizations.

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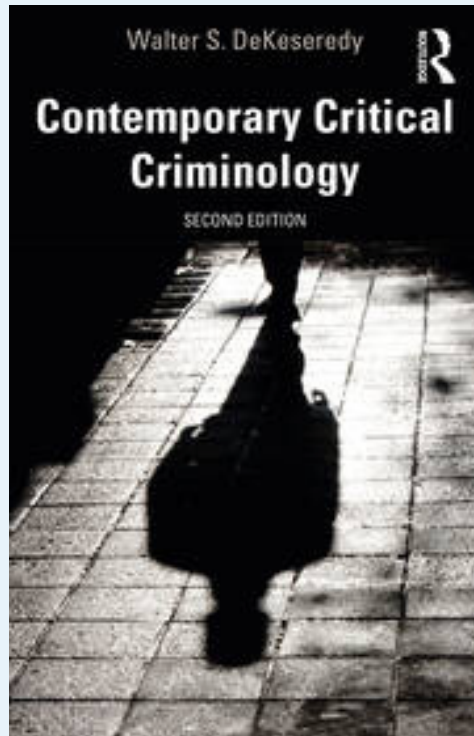
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This book examines how attorneys enable a meaningful opportunity for release for individuals sentenced to life as juveniles. The work provides a detailed overview of how legal representation facilitates opportunities for release for juveniles sentenced to life: “juvenile lifers”. It contributes to the broader literature on the importance of legal representation in the criminal legal system by investigating the role of an attorney in the parole process. Drawing on interviews with lawyers and qualitative content analyses of attorney participation in parole recordings from one state, the study illustrates how attorney assistance provides an important due process protection in the highly discretionary context of parole. The analysis of attorney representation is situated in the history of how they became prominent in the criminal legal system, and how their assistance has been viewed as vital in the parole process. Prior criminological and legal research relates the impact a lawyer can have by preparing a juvenile lifer candidate to present a suitable narrative for release, one that relates their diminished criminal culpability and rehabilitative efforts to prepare for life beyond prison.

The work will be relevant to students, academics, and policy makers, particularly for state parole boards, public defender agencies, and legislatures. While the analysis is based on the experience of one state, the findings are generalizable to other states and countries that similarly conduct parole board hearings for not just their juvenile populations but also adults.

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The concept of critical criminology – that crime and the present-day processes of criminalization are rooted in the core structures of society – is of more relevance today than it has been at any other time.

Written by an internationally renowned scholar, *Contemporary Critical Criminology* introduces the most up-to-date empirical, theoretical, and political contributions made by critical criminologists around the world. In its exploration of this material, the book also challenges the erroneous but widely held notion that the critical criminological project is restricted to mechanically applying theories to substantive topics, or to simply calling for radical political, economic, cultural, and social transformations.

Written in a clear and direct style, this book is an essential source of reference for both undergraduate and postgraduate students of criminology, deviance and social control, criminological theory, social policy, research methodology, and criminal justice.

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This book is a guide to understanding crime and how to fight it. What exactly do we mean by crime? What are its consequences for the victims? How to fight crime?

Fully updated, this book takes you into the depths of criminology to understand the springs of the criminal mind and the means of action of the defenders of the law. Explore the different theories seeking to explain why individuals commit crimes, identify the types of crimes - from white-collar crime to organized crime or terrorism, follow the investigative work of the police scientist and discover ways to limit and combat the criminal threat.

Discover:

- The key concepts of criminology
- The underside of criminal psychology
- Crime measurement and knowledge tools
- The great criminal phenomena
- new forms of crime
- Ways to prevent and fight crime

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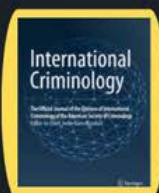
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