

# INTER-NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Dear ASC-DIC Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits as we close out another year with the Division of International Criminology. It has been a privilege to serve as your Newsletter Editor, and I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported this publication.

First and foremost, I want to thank my incredible team members, Stuti Kokkalera and Gaëtan Doré, for their dedication and collaboration throughout our time working together. I also want to extend my deepest thanks to Dawn Beichner-Thomas and all our members for your thoughtful submissions and unwavering support. This newsletter truly reflects the spirit and strength of our Division.

As this is the final issue that Stuti and I will be producing, we are excited to pass the torch to Gaëtan Doré and his new team, Kate Wilds and Yeonjae Park, who will take over the Newsletter Committee moving forward. We are confident that they will continue to build on this foundation and bring new energy and ideas to InterNews. Please join us in wishing them the very best as they take on this role.

This Winter 2025 edition includes a rich collection of updates, research highlights, and member accomplishments that showcase the global reach and impact of our Division. We hope you enjoy reading through these contributions as much as we enjoyed curating them.

Best regards,  
Dragana, Stuti, and Gaëtan

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# NOTE FROM DIC CHAIR

**DAWN BEICHNER-THOMAS, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**



Dear DIC Members,

I am grateful to Dragana Derlic, Stuti Kokkalera, and Gaëtan Doré for the amazing work that they do producing our newsletter.

As you register for the 2025 ASC Annual Meeting, please remember to purchase a ticket for our annual luncheon and awards ceremony, which will be held on Friday, November 14 at STK Steakhouse (located inside the ASC conference hotel), immediately followed by our business meeting. Please also check out the DIC-sponsored panels and roundtables.

As my term as DIC Chair comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude to our incredible executive board members: Bitna Kim (Vice Chair), Phil Reichel (Immediate Past Chair), Jennifer Gibbs (Secretary/Treasurer), Michele Bratina (Executive Counselor), Jared Dmello (Executive Counselor), and Janne Gaub (Executive Counselor), as well as those who have served on our 2024-2025 committees.

As you will see in this issue, we have much to celebrate in the DIC! Safe travels & I look forward to seeing you in Washington D.C.!

Kind regards,

**Dawn Beichner-Thomas**

# RESEARCH NOTE

**OREOLUWA LADOJA, DOCTORAL STUDENT, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**



## **THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TERRORISM IN AFRICA**

### **Introduction**

Africa has experienced a rise in terrorism over the past few decades, significantly impacting economic development. Beyond the immediate loss of life and destruction, terrorism disrupts economic stability, affecting GDP growth, investment, and the tourism sector. Economic terrorism which involves the deliberate use of violence to destabilize economic activities—has been employed by extremist groups to achieve political, ideological, or financial objectives. This research note examines the economic impact of terrorism in Africa, analyzing how attacks on infrastructure, foreign direct investment (FDI), and tourism influence economic growth and stability.

The prevalence of terrorism in Africa presents significant economic obstacles, affecting numerous industries and impeding the continent's efforts at growth. Economic terrorism, characterized by the deliberate use of violent acts or threats to destabilize or coerce economic activities, has become increasingly critical. Various groups have employed economic terrorism to advance political, ideological, or criminal objectives, with severe implications for investment, infrastructure, and livelihoods. Several factors contribute to the emergence of economic terrorism in Africa. Political instability is a prominent factor, as weak governance structures and political turmoil create environments conducive to terrorist activities.

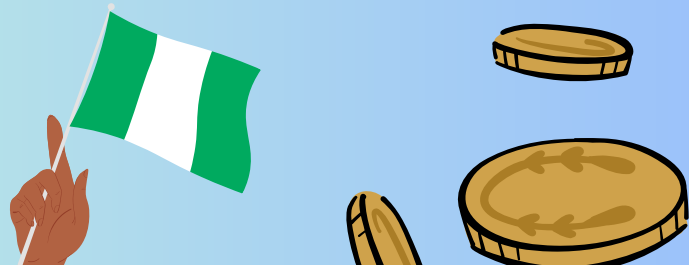
# RESEARCH NOTE CONT.

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For instance, the collapse of state institutions in Somalia provided fertile ground for Al-Shabaab to exert control over economic resources and engage in economic terrorism. Socioeconomic deprivation, characterized by high poverty levels, unemployment, and inequality, also plays a significant role. Terrorist groups exploit these grievances, as seen with Boko Haram in Nigeria, which has capitalized on widespread poverty and disillusionment among the youth to recruit members and launch attacks targeting economic assets. Ethnic and religious tensions further exacerbate the issue. The diversity of ethnic and religious groups in Africa often leads to conflict, which terrorist organizations can manipulate.

Economic terrorism in Northern Nigeria, driven by historical ethnic and religious divisions, exemplifies how these tensions can fuel campaigns of violence against economic targets. Economic terrorism in Africa manifests in various forms, including attacks on infrastructure, kidnapping for ransom, and extortion. Attacks on infrastructure, such as oil pipelines, power grids, and transportation networks, are prevalent, disrupting economic activities and instilling fear. The Niger Delta Avengers, for example, have repeatedly attacked oil installations in Nigeria, severely affecting the country's oil production and revenues. Kidnapping for ransom is another common tactic, with groups like Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab frequently kidnapping individuals to extract ransom payments, creating a climate of insecurity that hampers economic activities.

Extortion and protection rackets are also widespread, with terrorist groups imposing taxes or demanding protection money from businesses and local populations, as seen with Al-Shabaab in Somalia. The impacts of economic terrorism in Africa are profound and multifaceted. Disruptions to economic activities, such as attacks on infrastructure, lead to significant economic losses. The destruction of oil installations in Nigeria, for example, has resulted in billions of dollars in lost revenue and hindered economic growth. Economic terrorism creates an environment of fear and insecurity, deterring domestic and foreign investment. Persistent insecurity discourages investment, critical for economic development, leading to capital flight and reduced economic opportunities.



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Economic terrorism exacerbates poverty and unemployment. The destruction of infrastructure and disruption of economic activities lead to job losses and reduced income for local populations, creating a cycle where poverty and unemployment make individuals more susceptible to recruitment by terrorist groups. The broader societal impacts are also significant, undermining social cohesion and exacerbating ethnic and religious tensions. One of the primary ways terrorisms affect African economies is through its impact on GDP. Terrorist attacks disrupt the economy, reducing investment, productivity, and consumer confidence.

The unpredictability and instability brought on by terrorism hinder long-term economic growth by deterring both domestic and international investment. This research note aims to assess the effect of terrorism on economic growth in Africa through a quantitative examination of GDP data from affected countries. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is crucial for Africa's economic prosperity. However, terrorism creates a climate of fear that deters foreign investors from opening offices or expanding businesses in affected countries. This research note also examines the relationship between FDI inflows into Africa and terrorist occurrences by analyzing investment trends before and after crises. The research note further explores how international cooperation and governmental policies can attract and retain foreign investment in the face of terrorist threats. Tourism, a significant source of employment and revenue for many African countries, is also severely impacted .

## Literature Review

As noted, economic terrorism in Africa has multiple causes, including political instability, socioeconomic deprivation, and ethnic tensions. Weak governance creates an environment where terrorist organizations thrive. For example, the collapse of state institutions in Somalia enabled Al-Shabaab to exert economic control over key regions. Similarly, poverty and unemployment serve as recruitment tools for terrorist groups, as seen with Boko Haram in Nigeria. These groups use attacks on infrastructure, kidnappings, and extortion to finance operations, further destabilizing economies.

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Kidnapping for ransom, a tactic employed by Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab, not only generates significant funds but also creates a pervasive climate of insecurity. Additionally, extortion and protection rackets, notably practiced by Al-Shabaab in Somalia, impose financial burdens on businesses and local populations, further entrenching economic control by terrorist groups. The impacts of economic terrorism are profound and far-reaching, significantly disrupting economic activities and deterring investment. The destruction of infrastructure leads to substantial economic losses, hindering growth and development.

Persistent insecurity due to terrorist activities discourages domestic and foreign investment, which is crucial for economic development. Furthermore, economic terrorism exacerbates poverty and unemployment, creating a vicious cycle where poverty fuels recruitment by terrorist groups, perpetuating violence. Socially, economic terrorism undermines cohesion and exacerbates existing ethnic and religious tensions, deepening divisions within communities and leading to further conflict and instability. Addressing economic terrorism in Africa requires a comprehensive approach encompassing strengthened governance, socioeconomic reforms, and initiatives to foster social cohesion.

Strengthening state institutions and governance structures can mitigate the environments that allow terrorist groups to flourish. Socioeconomic reforms aimed at reducing poverty, unemployment, and inequality are essential to address the grievances exploited by terrorist groups. Promoting social cohesion and addressing ethnic and religious tensions can help build resilient communities that are less susceptible to terrorism.

The interplay of political instability, socioeconomic deprivation, and ethnic and religious tensions creates fertile ground for terrorist activities. The manifestations of economic terrorism, including attacks on infrastructure, kidnapping for ransom, and extortion, significantly disrupt economic activities and deter investment. Addressing this challenge requires a multifaceted approach encompassing governance reforms, socioeconomic interventions, and initiatives to foster social cohesion. Continued research and policy interventions are essential to mitigate the effects of economic terrorism and promote sustainable development in Africa.

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Significant economic obstacles are presented by terrorism in Africa, which affects several industries and impedes the continent's efforts at growth. Research in criminology and allied disciplines provides information on the disruptive impact of terrorism on investment, infrastructure, and livelihoods, among other complex economic ramifications. However, there are several reasons Africa's economy is impacted by terrorism. Some of these issues will be further discussed below.

## Economic Disruptions and Foreign Investment

One of the primary ways terrorisms affect African economies is by disrupting key economic activities. Attacks on oil pipelines, transportation networks, and power grids lead to financial losses and deter investors. The Niger Delta Avengers, for instance, have repeatedly targeted Nigeria's oil sector, reducing revenues and hindering development. Persistent insecurity also discourages foreign investment. Investors perceive regions affected by terrorism as high-risk areas, leading to capital flight and economic stagnation.

## Impact on Tourism

Tourism is a significant economic driver for many African nations. However, terrorist attacks targeting tourist destinations have devastating effects on the industry. Countries such as Kenya and Tunisia have witnessed declines in tourist arrivals following high-profile attacks, leading to job losses and reduced economic output. Restoring investor and traveler confidence is crucial for economic recovery in affected regions.

## Strategies for Economic Recovery

To mitigate the economic impact of terrorism, African governments must strengthen security measures, enhance intelligence-sharing, and improve border controls. Fostering economic resilience through diversification, infrastructure investment, and regional cooperation can help sustain growth despite security threats. Encouraging FDI and promoting tourism recovery efforts will also be vital in rebuilding economic stability.

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## Conclusion

Terrorism remains a significant obstacle to Africa's economic development, affecting GDP, investment, and tourism. The economic impact of terrorism necessitates a comprehensive response that includes strengthened governance, socioeconomic reforms, and enhanced security measures. Addressing the root causes of terrorism, improving economic opportunities, and fostering regional cooperation are essential to mitigating its detrimental effects. Future research should focus on developing sustainable policies that promote resilience and long-term stability.

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# NETWORKING NOTE

**DR. MARIJANA KOTLAJA, SENIOR ASSOCIATE III, JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS**



## **BUILDING BRIDGES: LAUNCHING KANSAS CITY'S BALKAN NETWORKING GROUP**

The Balkan Peninsula has been a frontier of different traditions- Catholicism, Christian Orthodoxy and Islam—and also an area of different ethnic groups and peoples of Slavic, Latin, Greek, and Turkish origin. Food highlights the long history of cultural interchange, despite religious, ethnic and linguistic differences when you find the same dish with different names in Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian Muslim, Albanian, Bulgarian, Greek, or Romanian. The same songs, probably of Jewish or Armenian origin, make up the corners of the Balkan regions deep cultural heritage.

It is generally said that the Balkan peninsula has more history than it is capable of consuming. However, the “explosive” Balkan destiny has often been defined by its geography—every time Europe reorganized itself strong after-effects were felt in the Balkans. Although it may seem that the tragic events of the decomposition of Yugoslavia have wiped out the vestiges of memory of the common multicultural past, daily life shows otherwise.

# NETWORKING NOTE CONT.

## DR. MARIJANA KOTLAJA, SENIOR ASSOCIATE III, JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS

This past month, I launched a Kansas City Balkan Networking Group in Kansas City, Missouri and opened it to those who are from the Balkan Peninsula or “Balkan adjacent.” Living in Kansas City, I realized how isolated our Balkan communities can become - scattered across the metro, we pass each other unknowingly in grocery stores and coffee shops, missing the chance to recognize that familiar accent or share that knowing look when someone mentions rakija or ajvar. Outside of the Serbian community I know through family connections, I've met maybe a handful of Bulgarians, a few Romanians, the occasional Croatian or Bosnian family - but I know there must be more of us here, quietly maintaining our traditions in our separate corners of the city.

The Midwest can feel especially far from the Balkans - we don't have the concentrated communities of Chicago or the established networks of the coasts. Yet that distance makes connection even more precious. I wanted to create a space where someone from Sarajevo could swap stories with someone from Thessaloniki, where our kids could hear other languages that dance with similar rhythms to their parents, where we could argue about whose grandmother makes the best sarma while recognizing it's essentially the same dish that connects us all. In a city known for its barbecue, surely there's room for a few more cultures that understand the sacred art of grilling meat.



# NETWORKING NOTE CONT.

## DR. MARIJANA KOTLAJA, SENIOR ASSOCIATE III, JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS

And so, on October 10th, 2025 something special happened at the Indian Hills Country Club in Kansas City. It wasn't just another networking event, it was the inaugural gathering of the Balkan Networking Group, a community I hope will bridge divides and celebrate shared heritage. To blend folks from the Balkans who haven't always had the best relationship, and to show that we're stronger together.

Our first event exceeded every expectation. The panel discussion brought together four remarkable individuals whose stories embodied the very spirit of what this group aims to achieve. The discussion ranged from deeply personal to intensely practical. Our panelists explored how heritage influenced their career paths, shared pivotal moments and mistakes that shaped them, and offered wisdom on everything from work-life balance to building wealth within our cultural context. When asked what advice they'd give their younger selves, the answers were honest and moving reminders that success is rarely a straight line, that cultural strengths are assets to lean into, and that building meaningful connections matters as much as building careers.

The energy in the room that evening confirmed what I hoped: there's a hunger for this kind of community in Kansas City. We're not just creating a networking group—we're creating a space where Balkan professionals can be proud of where we come from while building where we're going. This is just the beginning. Whether you're Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian, Albanian, Macedonian, or from anywhere in the Balkans, you have a place here. Together, we're writing a new chapter one where our shared strengths matter more than our historic divisions.



# TRAVEL NOTE

**SUKANYA BHATTACHARYA, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE**



## Home as the 'Field'

**Trigger warning: Mentions of sexual violence, rape and murder**

This summer break, I returned to my home – the city of Kolkata in eastern India, but with a distinct purpose. Ever since I had formulated the research questions for my dissertation, I knew that I had to turn my home into the 'field' as anthropologists denoted the faraway place where they would go and study the peculiar customs and traditions of the people who lived there.

The notion of the 'field', especially for social sciences, has since been examined, explored, and critiqued. Bilgen and Fábos (2024) and Kanagasabai (2021, 2023) write on the experiences of researchers like me – those who come from the Global South, study in the Global North but go back to the Global South to research. Consequently, I was excited but also a little intimidated to begin my fieldwork this summer and turn my home city into my field.

My dissertation focuses on the experiences of women survivors of sexual violence in India and how they interact with the Indian criminal legal system. Sexual violence against women has been a persistent and pressing issue in India, with a 2024 case of rape and murder gaining notoriety and leading to nationwide protests against the government and its inability to solve the case and punish the offenders.



# DIC STUDENTS ON THE MARKET



**Cristal Hernandez (she/her) is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University.**

**She received an M.A. in Criminal Justice & Criminology in December 2020 and a B.S. in Victim Studies in August 2018, both from SHSU.**

**Her research broadly focuses on victimology and carceral studies.**

**She is the 2019 recipient of the Division of Victimology Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award from the American Society of Criminology, and her recent work has appeared in Crime & Delinquency, Race and Justice, and Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.**



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AT THE 34<sup>th</sup> CCPCJ

The 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) was held in Vienna from 19 to 23 May 2025.

On the margins of the session, Member States, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders convened a series of side events dedicated to advancing equal access to justice for all.

### CO-SPONSORED EVENT:

**Centring Victims in a Changing World: Upholding Victims' Rights Amid Evolving Crimes**

Organized by the World Society of Victimology with the support of the UNODC Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, Criminologists Without Borders, the International Sociological Association and Penal Reform International.



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

*Congratulations*



**DR. LING REN, UNIVERSITY OF  
NEBRASKA-OMAHA**



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Dr. Ling Ren, professor at University of Nebraska - Omaha, has been selected as a recipient of two 2025 Springer Nature Editor of Distinction Awards – the Editorial Contribution Award and the Author Service Award, which recognize exceptional editors for their contributions to the peer review process and author experience. The awards highlight dedication to upholding scientific accuracy and advancing discovery. Since Fall 2023, Dr. Ren serves as Associate Editor of *International Criminology*, the flagship journal of ASC Division of *International Criminology*, published by Springer Nature - one of the world's largest and leading scholarly publishers.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

*Congratulations*



DIC member William Pridemore was the inaugural Barbara Huber Fellow in the Department of Criminology in the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law in Freiburg, Germany. As a Fellow he spent the month of June 2025 in residence, and while there he gave two invited presentations, the first entitled “Market orientation and national homicide rates” and the second entitled “The Criminologic Transition Model: On the evolution of the nature of crime and violence.” The latter is a forthcoming brief book that will be published by Cambridge University Press, and you can listen to an AI-generated podcast-like discussion of it here.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!



Aimée "May" Delaney attended the Northeast Association of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting June 2-4 in beautiful Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. This was the first time this conference was held in Canada. She also attended the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, in Stockholm, Sweden.

*Congratulations*

Aimée "May" Delaney completed the development and analysis of the 2025 Youth Risk Behavior Survey in Raymond New Hampshire through a Local Drug Crises Grant (CDC) with the Raymond Coalition for Youth. The results have been published and will be presented to the community at the Coalition's annual summit in October 2025.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

*Congratulations*



**Jared R. Dmello, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer of Criminology at the University of Adelaide**

**Leading an External grant of \$122,559.33 from the Australia New Zealand Counterterrorism Sub-Committee / Home Affairs.**

**This is an industry partnership grant with the South Australia Fixated Threat Assessment Centre, SA Police, and SA Health.**

**This project will develop a risk assessment for youth in South Australia who are vulnerable for radicalisation to violent extremism and grievance-fuelled violence.**

# INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

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## EXPANDING SUBMISSION OPTIONS

In the last DIC newsletter we encouraged all DIC members to submit a manuscript to the journal. We're happy to report that we have now expanded the options for authors to share their research and expertise.

Since its inception, International Criminology has accepted Scientific Articles, Policy Discussions, and Book Reviews. With the adoption of a new submission system by Springer, our journal can now easily accept a broader range of submission types. As of August 1, the following types of contributions will be accepted by International Criminology.

### RESEARCH (Previously called "Scientific Articles")

Research articles are the most common submission type for this journal. These manuscripts present original research findings that provide new information to scholars in the field. They generally consist of clear research questions, a compelling explanation of the importance of the research, a thorough literature review, rigorous research methods, and detailed explanation of findings. These articles are typically 8,000-10,000 words, although manuscripts of different lengths will still be considered for publication. They undergo a double-blind, peer review process.

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## EXPANDING SUBMISSION OPTIONS CONT.

### DEBATE (Previously called "Policy Discussions")

Debates aim to translate scientific findings about a criminological topic to audiences who can use that research to implement institutional change. They should present research accurately, but emphasize the policy relevance of the findings more so than the details of the research, which readers should be able to find in related scientific articles. Articles should include a clear presentation of a position, specific actions to be taken by relevant institutional actors, and a critical reflection of potential outcomes or responses to the position. Policy discussions will undergo the same review process as research articles, with an emphasis on the strength of the connections between research and policy. These articles are typically 6,000-8,000 words.

### METHODOLOGY

Methodology papers are research notes. They are shorter scientific articles presenting new or updated methods or data collections, new ways of approaching a relevant research question, or exploratory findings. They should provide rigorous descriptions of methods and findings, but should be no more than 5,000 words. These submissions will undergo the same peer review process as research articles.

### BRIEF REPORT

Short, scientific articles that address time-sensitive social issues can be submitted as brief reports. These submissions are treated as rapid-release communications and this option should only be selected for research articles that are relevant to current events. Such articles should consist of original research presented in the same format as a scientific article (research importance, literature review, methods, results, discussion), but should be no more than 4,000 words. These submissions will undergo an expedited review process with the goal of speedy online first publication. The article will also be included in the next available quarterly print issue. Authors should contact the co-editors prior to submitting a brief report to ensure the topic is relevant to the journal and that the editors are able to expedite publication.



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## EXPANDING SUBMISSION OPTIONS CONT.

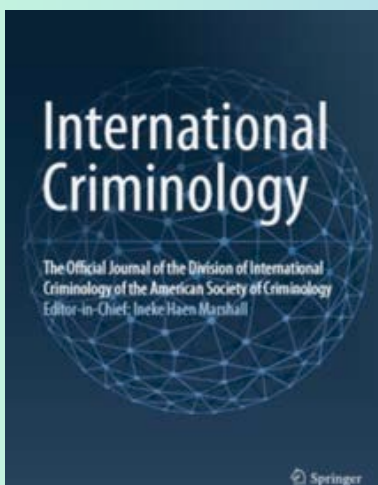
### PERSPECTIVE

Perspective articles provide new ways of thinking about concepts, mechanisms, processes, and relationships that underpin criminological and criminal justice research. They present new theoretical developments and may include empirical tests, although they are not required. They will undergo a peer review process that will emphasize the originality of the contribution in conjunction with common criteria for developing quality social science theories (e.g., logical consistency, explanatory power, falsifiability, parsimony, generalizability, generativity, etc.). These articles are typically 8,000-10,000 words, although manuscripts of different lengths will still be considered for publication.

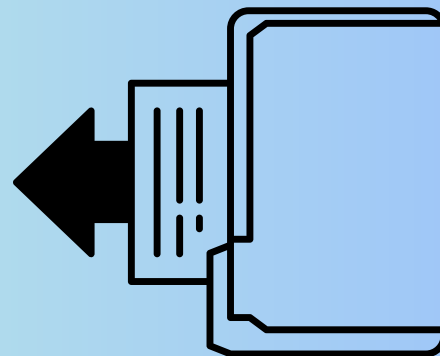
### BOOK REVIEWS

Book reviews provide critical summaries of recently released books relevant to international, comparative, and transnational crime and justice. They are generally 2,000-3,000 words. Potential authors should contact our Book Review Editor for more information.

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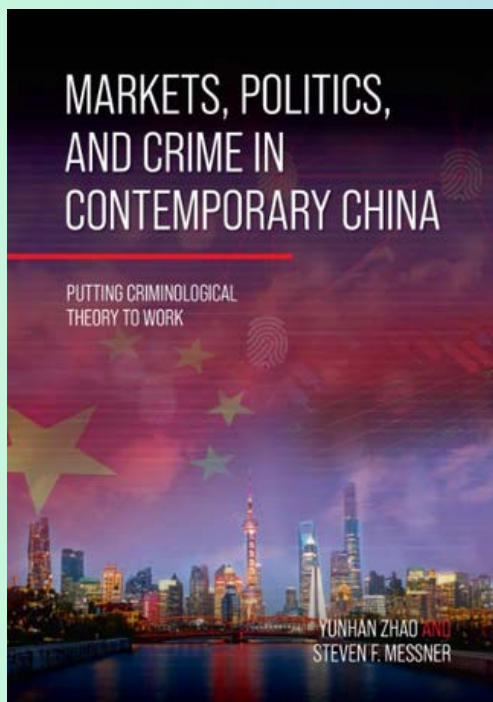
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# BOOK CORNER



**Markets, Politics, and Crime in Contemporary China: Putting Criminological Theory to Work** explores the landscape of criminal activity in contemporary China and examines the applicability of Western criminological theories to this cultural landscape.

The text examines the nature and spectrum of crime in China, including public perceptions and government responses within the context of China's shift from a planned to a market economy and the consequences of this transformation for social inequality and criminal activity.

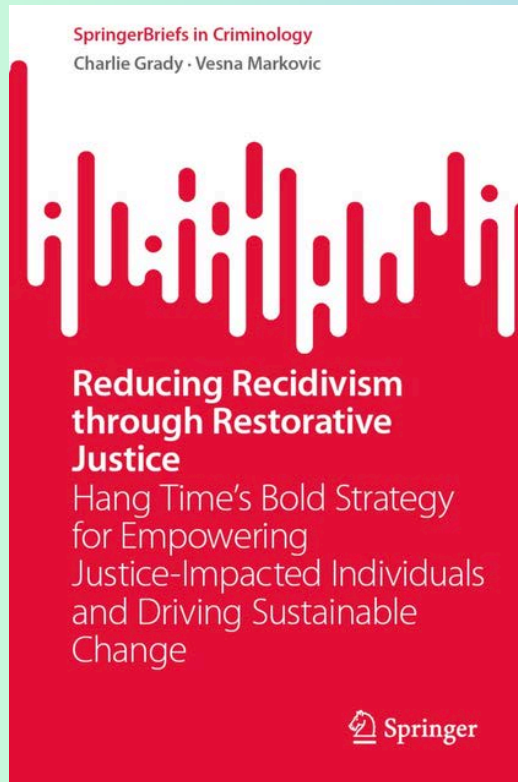
Central to the book is its rigorous application of Institutional Anomie Theory (IAT) to the Chinese context, juxtaposed with insights from other criminological theories, including general strain, social disorganization, and routine activities theories. Emphasis is placed on the sociocultural and political influences stemming from economic and political reforms and their bearing on crime. The work also details the evolution of crime control in China, transitioning from grassroots efforts to more modern policing and surveillance technologies.

**Markets, Politics, and Crime in Contemporary China** is recommended for courses in criminology, criminal justice, political science, political sociology, and comparative politics. It offers a distinct perspective on the interplay of economics, politics, and crime, providing a springboard for engaging discussions on the societal contexts influencing criminal behavior across

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This book tells the story of Hang Time, a grassroots, community-based program to reduce violence and recidivism amongst returning citizens in Connecticut, and how its model can be used in restorative justice efforts across the country.

Featuring stories of Hang Time participants, this volume illustrates the impact a supportive and safe environment has on ex-offenders, their families, friends, and community during re-entry. It offers examples of successful programming elements, such as:

- Creating a safe space for people to share their experiences and issues
- Developing an community for people of different ages, backgrounds and community roles
- Identifying and utilizing community resources
- Furthering community engagement via training of new correctional officers, police, and state prosecutors during their career on-boarding.

This volume is the ideal resource for individuals, groups, and organizations aiming to humanize justice-involved individuals and programming, including: community organizations and funders, policy makers, social services, members within the judicial, law enforcement, corrections, students, and non-profit community leaders.

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# RESEARCH SNAPSHOT



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Abstract submissions are invited from both researchers and practitioners, with a deadline of August 31, 2025. For more details, please visit: <https://www.acs2025.com/call-for-abstracts>. Attached is a more specific call for papers announcement for reference



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**Format:** The workshop will include research presentations, breakout sessions, and free-flowing discussions. Attendees are expected to participate in all workshop activities and sessions. A special issue of Global Crime, will be organized around the theme of this meeting.

**Requests:** Two types of participation requests will be considered:

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**Costs:** Funding has been obtained to cover lodging and meals for workshop participants (speakers are given priority). Participants are responsible for paying for their travel to/from the workshop.

Submissions from graduate students, junior scholars, practitioners, and researchers from countries not typically represented at Eurogang meetings are strongly encouraged.

Submit participation requests via Google Forms: [Eurogang participation form](#)  
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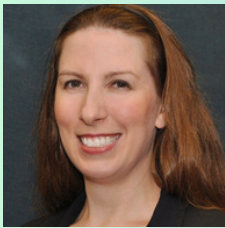
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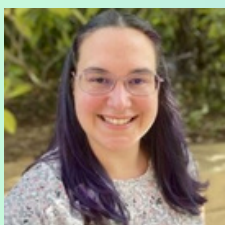
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