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Special Issue

Criminology in Post-Violence Transitions: Exploring the Intersections between Human Rights, Grassroots Activism, Transitional Justice, Memory, and Criminology

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Presentation

In recent years, a critical turn in the linkages between criminology and its intersections with other epistemological fields including human rights, grassroots activism, transitional justice, and memory has materialised, questioning the naturalness and effectiveness of conventional theoretical approaches and practice, envisioning a broader and more holistic project. This critical turn interrogates the role of criminology to explore and fully understand how to analyse post-violence transitions from a criminological perspective. In this context, the novel framework of *Criminology in Post-Violence Transitions* has been used to explore perspectives to comprehend the dynamics of societies emerging from armed conflict, war, or authoritarian rule, addressing victims, social movements, and grassroots activism as actors with their own agency and organisational capability in temporal and normative aspects. The innovative concept of *Criminology in Post-Violence Transitions* constitutes an abstract ideal that needs to be redefined by bringing into consideration the function and particularities of victims' grassroots activism, the implementation of transitional justice mechanisms in post-conflict settings, and the development of social movements' collective memory actions.

In this regard, the Special Issue *Criminology in Post-Violence Transitions: Exploring the Intersections between Human Rights, Grassroots Activism, Transitional Justice, Memory, and Criminology* aims to offer a unique, ground-breaking, and multidisciplinary examination of the complex interactions between the academic field of criminology and other key epistemologies in the context of post-violence transitions. More specifically, this Special Issue will present new frontiers of knowledge, activist practice, and human rights reflection regarding emerging topics within the realm of criminology and post-conflict transitions.

The Special Issue will advance theoretical criminology by adopting an interdisciplinary framework that synthesises criminological perspectives with those of human rights, transitional justice, memory studies, and grassroots activism. This novel approach recognises the inherent complexity of post-violence transitions, contexts of violence questioning justice and reparation, and underscores the importance of a multifaceted understanding. By exploring the intersections between criminology and unexamined related fields, this Special Issue will provide a holistic view of post-violence transitions. This integrated analysis allows for a nuanced understanding of how crime, justice, activism, and memory intersect in these critical contexts, challenging traditional silos within academic disciplines.

Submissions

The editors for this Special Issue encourage submissions having empirical research that offers context-specific insights into post-violence transitions. By examining diverse regions and cases, particularly in the Global South, future contributors can shed light on the unique challenges faced by societies in different contexts and the corresponding criminological responses. One aim of this Special Issue is to amplify the voices of marginalised and vulnerable populations who are often disproportionately affected by violence and its aftermath. Also, empirical studies assessing the effectiveness of transitional justice mechanisms, presenting longitudinal studies that follow the trajectory of post-violence transitions over time, or showing grassroots activism and memory initiatives contributing to evidence-based policymaking are encouraged to be submitted. Possible contributions topics could include but are not limited to:

- Transitional Justice, Transformative Justice, Memory, and Reconciliation: contributions examining the role of criminological approaches in post-conflict societies, including truth commissions, reparations, memorialisation, and other mechanisms to address past atrocities and promote social healing.
- Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR): papers analysing the processes of disarming and reintegrating former combatants into civilian life and the challenges of preventing recidivism and promoting social reintegration.
- Justice and Accountability for Post-Conflict Crimes: documents examining how criminological perspectives can contribute to addressing crimes committed during periods of violence, including strategies for identifying perpetrators, building cases, and ensuring fair trials.
- Militias and Non-State Armed Groups: contributions investigating the role of militias and other non-state armed groups in post-violence transitions, including their impact on security, justice, and governance.
- Gender and Conflict-Related Violence: papers exploring the intersection of gender and conflict-related violence, including the experiences of women as both victims and perpetrators and the challenges of addressing gender-based violence in post-conflict contexts.
- Cultural and Contextual Considerations: manuscripts analysing how cultural norms, traditions, and local contexts influence the processes of justice, reconciliation, and reintegration in post-violence transitions.
- Trauma, Mental Health, and Rehabilitation: contributions studying the psychological impact of violence and conflict on individuals and communities, and the role of criminology in supporting trauma recovery and mental health.

If you are interested in proposing a paper for inclusion in this Special Issue on *'Criminology in Post Violence Transitions: Exploring the Intersections between Human Rights, Grassroots Activism, Transitional Justice, Memory, and Criminology'*, please send the following information to Camilo Tamayo Gomez, Natalia Maystorovich Chulio, and Ailsa Peate (Special Issue Editors) on or before the end of the day on **01 April 2024** to (c.a.tamayogomez@hud.ac.uk), (natalie.maystorovich@sydney.edu.au) and (a.peate@westminster.ac.uk).

Your name.

Details of your institutional affiliation (if applicable).

Link to your online profile, website, etc. with a list of your publications (if available).

A title and 350-500 word abstract for your proposed paper contribution (proposals should connect to the themes identified above and also have a strong normative/critical/argumentative element).

Please note that the submissions are refereed and subject to editorial review. Depending on time constraints, we also hope to allow authors of accepted papers the chance to read and engage with the other accepted papers prior to publication, to create a real dialogue within this special issue. We will be selecting only a small number of papers for inclusion in this special issue.

This Special Issue is an outcome of a collaborative alliance between The Secure Societies Institute (SSI) at the University of Huddersfield (UK), the University of Sydney (Australia), the University of Westminster (United Kingdom), and the Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

Special Issue Timetable

The timetable for this Special Issue on '*Criminology in Post-Violence Transitions: Exploring the Intersections between Human Rights, Grassroots Activism, Transitional Justice, Memory, and Criminology*' is as follows:

Deadline for abstracts and expressions of interest in writing for the special issue: **01 April 2024**

Deadline for submissions: **01 August 2024**

Peer review process: **01 August to 01 October 2024**

Submission of final version: **01 February 2025**

Submission of complete Special Issue: **01 April 2025**

Publication Special Issue: **01 June 2025**

Please note that the length of articles should be **6,000-8,000 words**.

We are looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Kind regards,

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