

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Crime and safety in rural contexts: Innovative methods

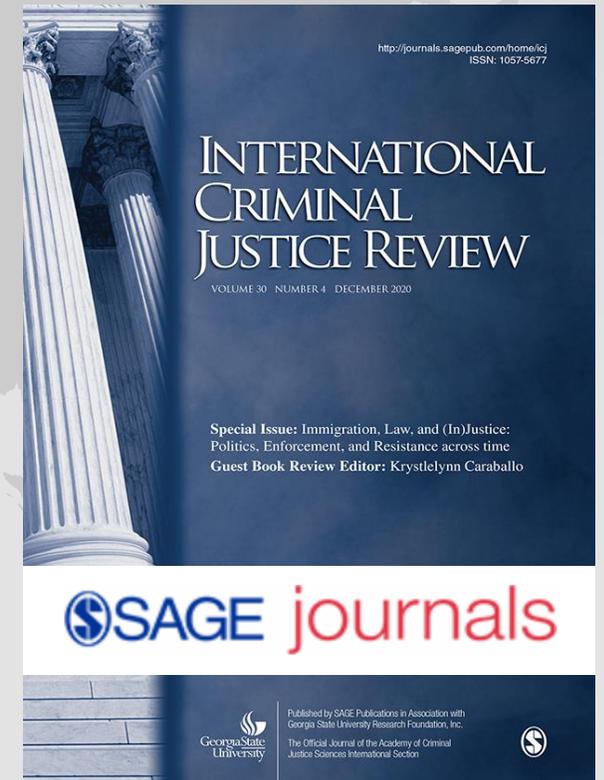
Lower crime rates in sparsely populated areas of the globe are often taken as a sign that crime is not a major concern in these areas. The negligence of safety issues outside the urban realm is not exclusive of criminology. Such paucity of knowledge on victimization and safety conditions in rural contexts could be associated with inadequacy of reliable official data or due to the lack of methods capable of capturing the complexity of the rural-urban continuum.

**This special issue seeks original research devoted to crime and safety issues in most sparsely populated areas. Primary consideration will be given to empirical manuscripts that explore old and new forms of data and/or innovative methods, ranging from primary sources (fieldwork, surveys, and interviews), secondary official statistical data to crowdsourced data, social media and the like.**

We welcome articles involving a wide range of crimes as well as issues of perceived safety, adopting international, intersectional and/or gender informed perspectives. Contributions may include (but are not limited by) the analysis of rural-urban divide in crime, victimization and safety perceptions, determinants of crime and fear in rural contexts, spatio-temporal patterns of crime and safety perceptions among residents and visitors.

All submitted manuscripts will undergo double-blind peer review. We encourage interdisciplinary contributions, however, please note that, to be considered in International criminal justice review, papers should engage with the existing Criminology theories and state-of-the-art literature.

Articles should be no more than **8,000 words** in length. Manuscripts should not exceed 30 pages of double-spaced text (including tables, figures, and references). Send two electronic copies of the manuscript: one full version (with a cover page containing the author's name, title, institutional contact information; acknowledgments) and one blind copy (without any identifying information) to Prof Vania Ceccato, [vania.ceccato@abe.kth.se](mailto:vania.ceccato@abe.kth.se).



### Key dates:

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