

Editors' Introduction to Vol. 7, Issue 2

Welcome to Volume 7, Issue 2 of the *International Journal of Rural Criminology*. Such was the response to a call for papers for a special issue on rural policing, the excellent contributions received were too many for a single issue (Vol. 7, Issue 1) and so this issue serves as Part 2. An overview of the articles in this issue can be found in the introduction by the special issue editors, Dr Jessica Peterson and Dr Kyle Mulrooney. We certainly hope you enjoy this second tranche of really thought-provoking and enlightening scholarly perspectives on a growing sub-field of rural criminology research.

The idea for a special issue on policing has been a great success, so – in addition to ongoing regular issues – IJRC is planning to publish a special themed issue each year. We are open to any [imaginative proposals](#), which could be (but not limited to):

- theoretical, empirical or a combination of both
- qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods or a combination of all
- themed around geographic locations – broadly (e.g. Asia; the South Pacific) or specifically (e.g. boom towns; tourist locations)
- focussed on particular demographics (e.g. hobby farmers, tourists); on victims (e.g. people with disabilities), on offenders (e.g. farmers as offenders), on criminal justice institutions and processes (e.g. access to justice), on certain crime types (e.g. burglary; elder abuse; alcohol and other drugs); on rural criminology itself (e.g. teaching at University level; research methods) and so on

Proposals should seek to incorporate a variety of ‘voices’ and perspectives, such as by including practitioners, early career researchers and higher degree students.

Special issue editors will be provided with substantial support – and mentoring as required – as they bring their issue together through the various stages from conception, to peer-review, copy editing and production.

Proposals should contain the following:

- An abstract for the special issue of no more than 500 words which articulates the theme
- A brief biography and CV for special issue editors
- An indication of the anticipated number of articles, research notes and notes from the field which might be contained in the special issue
- An anticipated/preferred timeline – e.g. when, ideally, you might release the call for papers, collect abstracts/manuscripts, and a suggested month and year for publication (turnaround from agreement on a special issue to its publication will be in the order of 12-18 months)



Special issues are normally edited by one or two editors for a special issue: please consult with the IJRC editors about additional special issue editors.

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Volume 7, Issue 3 will follow hot on the heels of this issue, and will contain an array of various rural criminological perspectives from the world over.

As has become our custom, In the words of just a few select languages: Bonne lecture et bons voyages. Dobro branje in dobra potovanja. Liánghǎo de yuèdú hé liánghǎo de lǚxíng. Buona lettura e buoni viaggi. Kusoma vizuri na safari nzuri. Achchha padhana aur achchhee yaatra. Good reading and good travels.

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