

Special Issue

Immigration and Crime

Message from the Guest Editors

Immigration is a major policy issue in the United States. The current public discourse is shaped heavily by allegations that immigration leads to more crime. The pushback to this view is that anti-immigration sentiments are not security related but are instead rooted in an age-old xenophobia of foreigners, a sentiment easily traced back to the Chinese immigration of the late 19th century. Scholarly research that assesses the empirical evidence about the relationship between immigration and potential criminogenic outcomes, particularly immigration across the U.S.–Mexico border, is key to this debate and dominates the current discourse. This Special Issue seeks submissions (articles, conceptual papers, or reviews) which address the intersection of immigration and crime. Topics may include, but are not limited to, criminal offending, criminal victimization, policing, incarceration, and the effects of immigration policy. Submissions will be peer reviewed and must be original work that has not been published previously. Additionally, the papers must also not be submitted elsewhere while under review for this Special Issue. We look forward to your contributions.

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