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# **Toward a Critical Sociology of Gender Violence**

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# Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Gender violence remains a major social problem despite decades of activism, research, and policy advancements. Sociology as a discipline provides valuable theoretical and methodological resources for understanding, preventing, and responding to gender violence, but much of this work remains siloed in academia and is rarely implemented in meaningful ways. Community-based activism has varied in its success, but organizations and activists largely continue to focus more on micro-level than macro-level insight and actions. Furthermore, the academics and community activists rarely work together in dialogue or collaboration to enhance one another's work. This volume examines the potential to develop a critical sociology of gender violence that centers, methodologically, those actively working in communities, and in which their vision and work, coupled sociological conceptualizations of structural processes of power, contribute to a deeper understanding of the problem and opportunities for change. We welcome conceptual and empirical articles that demonstrate such a critical sociological approach to addressing gender violence.











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