

# Editorial

## Letter from the editors

The *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* (IJCV) is entering its second year of existence—many thanks to our authors and readers for making the journal the success it has become.

This time our focus section has guest editors for the first time. Miles Hewstone (University of Oxford, UK) and Douglas S. Massey (Princeton University, USA) have put together an impressive collection of contributions addressing the field of neighbourhood and violence.

The experience of working with guest editors who are well-known experts in a particular field of conflict and violence research has been very positive, and we have decided to apply the concept in forthcoming issues. Steven F. Messner (University at Albany, USA) and Helmut Thome (University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany) have agreed to serve as guest editors for this year's autumn issue focusing on anomie/anomia and violence, while the guest editors for the spring 2009 issue (IJCV 3, no. 1) concentrating on the theory of violence will be Susanne Karstedt (Keele University, UK) and Manuel Eisner (Cambridge University, UK).

We intend to extend a general invitation to researchers in relevant fields who would like to guest-edit a focus section. Details will be appearing on our website soon.

Calls for papers for upcoming issues can be found at [www.ijcv.org](http://www.ijcv.org).

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