

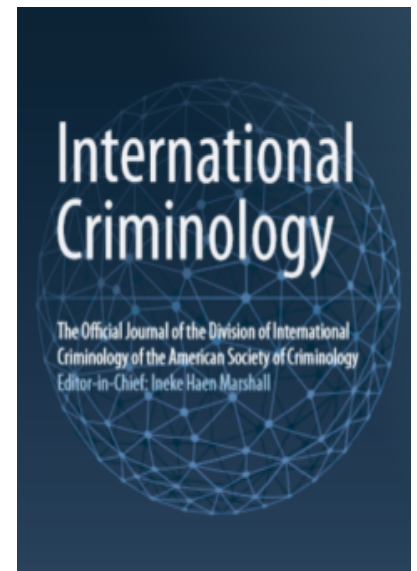
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Thematic issue:

New Directions in the Eurogang Program of Research

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Twenty-five years ago, in Schmitten, Germany, an interdisciplinary group of researchers met to discuss an issue that cut across large European cities: the emergence of troublesome youth groups that resembled American street gangs. The outcome of this meeting, and many more that followed, was the development of the Eurogang Program of Research.

Eurogang is devoted to fostering multisite, multimethod, and comparative research on gangs. A large network of interdisciplinary scholars has come together to achieve several goals, including forming working groups on key issues, producing open-access research instruments, hosting 22 international workshops, publishing six edited collections, and, perhaps most significantly, establishing the first consensus definition of a gang—“any durable, street-oriented youth group whose involvement in illegal activity is part of its group identity” ([Weerman et al. 2009: 20](#)).

This Thematic Issue seeks submissions that will advance the broader agenda of the Eurogang program of research and chart new directions worthy of further investigation. This includes articles that address questions of empirical, policy, and/or theoretical relevance. Successful submissions will be those that tackle longstanding issues (e.g., definitions, measurement, and comparisons) or emerging and understudied issues (e.g., social media, the Global South, evidence-based policy and practice), while simultaneously appealing to the broader readership of *International Criminology*.

The deadline to submit a paper to be considered for the Thematic Issue is August 1, 2024. We welcome submissions from scholars at all career stages, ranging from early career researchers to senior academics as well as academic-practitioner collaborations. Submissions are not limited to active or former participants in the Eurogang network, though it is expected that contributors will be knowledgeable of the issues and engage with them. The Thematic Issue is expected to be published in late 2024 or early 2025. The editors recommend reviewing the journal’s submission [guidelines](#) and reaching out with questions about the Thematic Issue.

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