

## **Acknowledgment And Remarks From The Editor-In-Chief And Deputy Editor-In-Chief**

Upon publication of the fourth volume of *Contemporary Challenges: The Global Crime, Justice and Security Journal* it is worth reflecting on the role of the journal within the academic space in which it exists. Since its inception in 2020, the journal has set out to provide a platform for a range of perspectives on the challenging and entangled issues of global crime, justice, and security. The fourth volume of the journal has very much stayed true to this intention and has brought together scholarship from a range of disciplines and regions to provide novel perspectives of these vast topics. Through our author's wide-ranging contributions, we can see new ways of understanding these global challenges and, as a result, potential pathways forward.

Indeed, this volume provides fresh lenses and tools to understand a number of different global crime, justice, and security problems with stark contemporary application, such as femicide, victimhood, armed conflict, and atrocity crime. By exploring these diverse perspectives with reference to a number of globe-spanning events, our authors have undoubtedly greatly contributed to the ongoing conversation on these contemporary challenges. The fourth volume therefore provides a further step in solidifying the *Contemporary Challenges* journal as a consistent and valuable presence in the academic debate on global crime, justice, and security.

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