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**EXPLORING HOMICIDE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT
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Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (February 8, 2008) – Most Americans have a stereotypical picture of the causes and characteristics of homicide, but is that picture accurate? And is that picture the same in other nations across the world? The current special issue of *Homicide Studies*, published by SAGE, explores recent research focusing on homicide in an international context.

From cross-national to country-specific empirical analyses and exploratory studies, the special issue, guest edited by Indiana University's William Alex Pridemore, examines homicide from diverse global, gender, age, and cultural directions, looking at such wide-ranging concepts as:

- The association between alcohol consumption and homicide rates in Europe
- How economic inequality affects homicide rates in 14 developed democracies
- Cross-national infanticide
- Homicide in Finland (which has a higher rate than most European countries)
- Neighborhood-levels factors associated with homicide in the Netherlands
- The fall of communism and how it affected homicide rates
- Explanations of the difference in homicide clearance rates in Japan and the United States
- Japan's drop in homicides following World War II

"*Homicide Studies* is at the forefront in recognizing the importance of international and cross-national scholarship," writes guest editor William Alex Pridemore in the introduction. "This special issue provides us a glimpse of the many and varied types of international, comparative, and cross-national homicide research being carried out today and we hope it encourages further exploration of these topics by an even greater number of scholars, especially in nations and regions not covered here."

The special issue of *Homicide Studies*, examining homicide in an international context, has been made available by SAGE at no charge for a limited time at <http://hsx.sagepub.com/content/vol12/issue1/>.

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