

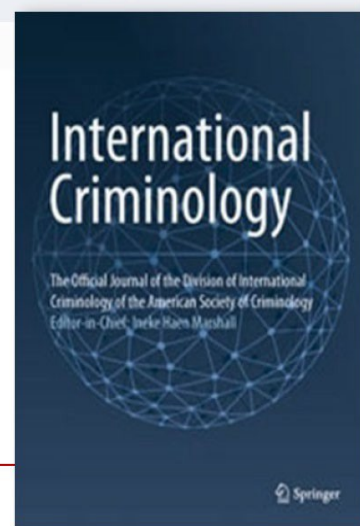
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## Thematic issue:

### **Comparability and Measurement Invariance in Comparative Criminology**

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Comparative criminological studies across nations, cultures, or time require that the phenomena being studied are comparable. The comparability of not directly observable criminological constructs, measured by multiple indicators (e.g., self-control, morality, attitudes and intentions toward committing, perceived risk of arrest and sanctions, legal cynicism, fear of crime), can be assessed by testing for measurement invariance (or differential item functioning) before proceeding with comparisons of construct characteristics. In addition, non-invariant measurement properties can themselves be the subject of investigation to improve measurement instruments and survey designs.

The Thematic Issue invites substantive and/or methodological studies that contribute to the following areas of comparative criminological research:

- **Measurement invariance testing** of criminological constructs across groups or time
- **New developments in measurement invariance testing** methods (e.g., invariance alignment, Bayesian SEM, regularized estimation)
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- **Survey methodological approaches and developments** that are applied before data collection involving, for example, rating scale and survey mode choice, cognitive pretesting, web probing, cross-cultural scale adoption, and translation methods

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