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Global Advances in Victimology and Psychological Studies



Editor's Note

I am pleased to announce launch of the inaugural issue of *Global Advances in Victimology and Psychological Studies* Journal from the Center of Victimology and Psychological Studies, Jindal Institute of Behavioral Sciences, O. P. Jindal Global University. I would like to thank Prof. (Dr.) Gerd Kirchhoff for motivating and guiding us to launch this Journal. The aim of this journal is to bring together related scientific approaches and related fields to develop an integrated and praxis-oriented body of knowledge in victimology and psychological studies. The journal would encourage articles that would reinforce the relationships between disciplines related to victimology.

The vision of this Journal was laid way back in 2017 during the Annual International Conference on Victim Assistance. The support and collaboration of national and international stalwarts in victimology was pf essence to launch the Journal successfully. We, at CVPS strived relentlessly through 2017 until today in establishing the center as one of the key research institutions which would contribute towards research advancement in this area. While doing so, we also realized that other allied areas such as Psychology and Behavioral sciences, were undermined during victimology research and therefore the need to establish the current GAVPS Journal.

This issue includes invited article, empirical papers, and a book review. The articles focus on the emerging paradigms of victim justice; prevention of crime and victimization; case based critical analysis of retributive justice in addressing sexual violence; victim centered criminal justice system; and psycho-legal dimensions of victim's participation in criminal justice system. The Journal also includes a Book Review of "*The Death Penalty: Perspectives from India and Beyond*".

I would like to thank all the authors for their contribution and hard work towards the inaugural launch of GAVPS Journal. It gives me immense pleasure to mention that this inaugural issue reflects the gradual evolution of victimology as a discipline, that is growing in breadth and depth. Our next issue will further reflect the depth of the field of victimology, carrying articles devoted to the theme, psychological considerations of victimization, and will have an invite guest editorial by a specialist in the field of psychology.

I will always welcome your feedback. Please contact me at any time at GAVPS@jgu.edu.in with questions you may have or ideas you would like to contribute.

Regards, Sanjeev P. Sahni Editor-in-Chief