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Why this Journal

The academics should be leading the charge in informing policy makers and government leaders in the areas of trafficking and crime. As a result, much has been discussed on the subject, but there is an immediate call for more empirical and action research on 'trafficking and its relationship to the broader subjects of organized crime and human security'. Trafficking has all the characteristics of a complex system, characterized by emergent behavior, network relationships, high degree of resilience, and a remarkable degree of adaptability in response to law enforcement efforts to disrupt this form of criminal network. For any government to respond more effectively and conduct counter-network and counter-market strategy, an equivalent or similar system is needed. The limits of governmental abilities, both in general and specifically in relation to combating trafficking, must also be scrutinized by the researchers. Networks involved in trafficking are difficult to combat, especially because they operate within a dynamic market characterized not only by an increasing demand for forced labor and commercial sex but also a ready supply of trafficking victims. Nevertheless, the necessity of launching a journal which exclusively delves into different forms of trafficking and organized crime is long overdue.

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The journal also aims to include research articles that analyze the roles and functions of the formal and voluntary agencies that are involved in combating trafficking within the current international security debate. The inclusion of structures of violence, high degrees of resilience, a remarkable degree of adaptability, and the role of human agency within this re-conceptualization provides a manageable framework from which human insecurity can be considered, and the magnitude of violence from trafficking may be understood and examined.

The journal broadly covers areas, but not limited to, including the linkages between trafficking; smuggling and slavery, sex trafficking; role of perpetrators; pimps; clients and victims, labor trafficking, child and teen victims in trafficking, trafficking for sham marriages; forced begging

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