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Special Issue: Impacts of Guns and Gun Violence on Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean

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Papers and Topics

Gun violence is a pervasive and extremely vexing issue for governments in the Caribbean, as it has increased exponentially within the past two decades causing wanton loss of lives in the region. The pervasiveness of gun violence cannot be left unchecked and un-researched as it has the potential to cause damage to the image of the Caribbean. This special issue will delve into the complex and multifaceted issue of guns and gun violence as well as the negative impacts through a targeted exploration of a wide range of factors (cultural, psychological, and social) that contribute to gun violence in Caribbean societies. Scholars, practitioners and government officials from the Caribbean are asked to contribute to this Special Issue that will be forthcoming in early 2026. The topics for research include, but are not be limited to:

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- **Fear in communities that experience gun violence**
- **Research and policy options**
- **Juveniles, youth, and gun violence**
- **Psychological impacts of gun violence on victims and witnesses**
- **Religion**
- **Methods and measurement in gun violence research**
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