



CALL FOR PAPERS

HOSTELS AND SOUTH AFRICA UNREST SPECIAL ISSUE

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This special edition intends to collect both empirical and theoretical papers which see the hostels as nodal points of interconnections in the wider network of socioeconomically produced spaces and relationships regarding what has been termed “unrest in South Africa”. The term “unrest” itself requires interrogation, in the light that there is no unanimity within the South African government. The intention of this edition is to understand violence in hostels, during the Covid-19 pandemic times. The edition explores the hostels dwellers’ role in the recent uprising in South Africa, which largely captured the provinces of KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng. Violence is generally seen as a defining feature of the former single sex workers hostels, therefore going back to the history of violence in hostels and its related spaces like townships, informal settlements and the rural areas is pertinent.

Among many questions that this edition is interested in grappling with, some are as follows:

- Why do we still have hostels in 2021, what purpose do they serve? What was at rest before the unrest/uprising in 2021?
- What are the various ways in which we can understand the role played by hostel dwellers in what has come to be known as hashtag South Africa Unrest?
- Who were the key players in the unrest/uprising?
- What voices were silenced during and through the unrest/uprising? And, which voices could be heard the loudest?
- How has the media accessed the hostels and its related spaces and portrayed the role of the hostels in the unrest/uprising?
- How should we understand the historical, political and gendered violence in KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng provinces in relation to the recent violent social unrest in South Africa?

In order to get comprehensive sociological and criminological insights, critiques and analysis, it is useful to go beyond the concept of “hostel violence”, and study the collective causes, effects and responses of the hostel dwellers, examining what disruptions has this violence caused in the lives of the hostel dwellers.

This journal invites papers that cover the following areas of interest:

- What instigated the 2021 unrest/uprising vs. the apartheid violence and anti apartheid violence at the hostels
- Cultural formations in the hostel
- Media portrayal of the hostels during the unrest/uprising
- The different ways in which different levels of government responded to the unrest/uprising
- Researching the hostels in times of the unrest/uprising and the Covid-19 pandemic
- Rural-urban connections of the unrest/uprising
- Gendered and politicised identities before and after the unrest/uprising in South Africa
- Political and economic divisions and solidarities during and after the unrest/uprising in South Africa
- Ecosystems in places interconnected to the hostels in the time of South Africa unrest/uprising
- Other related themes may also be considered.

Submission Guidelines:

Prospective contributors should submit an abstract of no more than 300 words double-line spaced by 21st December 2021.

1. Manuscript submissions that will deepen and advance knowledge on everyday life of hostel dwellers can be emailed to:

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2. The editors will communicate their feedback by 17th January 2022. Selected contributors will be expected to submit full-length manuscripts (no more than 8,000 words) by 15 April 2022.
3. Full manuscripts must comply with *Acta Criminologica's* Author Guidelines. Manuscripts that do not comply with these Guidelines will be sent back to authors for revision before they can proceed for peer review.
4. Accepted manuscripts are expected to appear in the special edition in late 2022.