



## Advancing Restorative Justice in Criminal Justice Settings and Beyond

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This Special Issue on advancing restorative justice in criminal justice settings and beyond. There is no denying that restorative justice has developed as both a movement and as a philosophy designed to give victims a stronger voice in the criminal process, to solve problems and to provide a forum by which conflicting parties are brought together.

The use of restorative justice and its principles have far beyond criminal justice settings. The term ‘restorative’ is now applied to a variety of settings and practices. While use of the term restorative justice is appropriate for an association with the criminal justice system, the term restorative practice might be better suited to the use of restorative principles in other environments.

This Special Issue seeks contributions from scholars, practitioners and policy makers on the development of restorative justice in criminal justice settings and of restorative practice in non- criminal justice settings. We are especially interested in pieces which identify challenges to the development of restorative justice / practice in particular settings and what has been done to overcome such challenges.





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