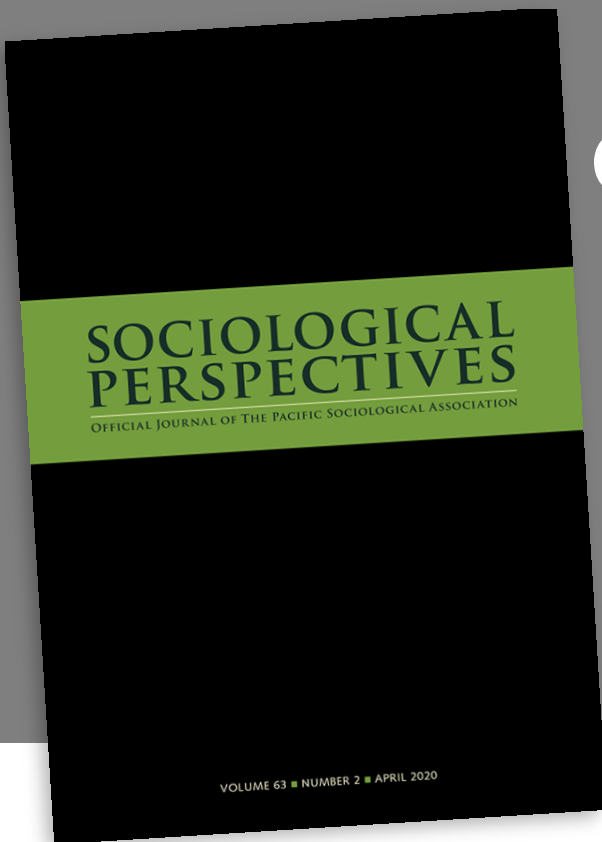


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# Sociological Perspectives on Guns: A Sociology of Firearms for the 21st Century



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Guns have a spectacular presence in societies around the world. In recent decades, political and safety debates about guns have spurred an impressive, contentious, yet narrow literature on guns in society. At times these debates limit research, making it difficult to fully see the scope of guns in society. Sociological perspectives on guns often narrowly focus on aspects of this broader reality, such as the efficacy of gun laws on crime rates, guns as criminological or epidemiological risk factors, or the correlates of gun ownership. The broader cultural influence of guns, the common use of guns (for recreation, protection, as well as deviance), the role of the state related to gun rights, and the effects of gun violence beyond criminal justice outcomes are just a few topics that sociologists can provide valuable insights into to move this literature forward in the coming decades.

This special issue, therefore, seeks manuscripts that advance sociological perspectives on the multifaceted role guns play in society and culture. Studies can be historical or contemporary, based in specific countries or cross-/trans-national, and empirically or theoretically-driven. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

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