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This volume deals with the largest social science research programme (Victim Survey, 1998 and 2000) in which highly different methodologies were translated into a common framework. It is capable, enabling a harmonization of the many different ways of assessing the impact of the policies that are implemented in the great number of these countries.

There are signs that the first large-scale surveys of the 1960s (cf. Ennion 1969) of crime phenome-

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solly in Western countries, where the availability of country-specific data is much lower and not particu-
larly reliable. In Germany, for example, the German Crime Survey has not been conducted for more than ten years. It has pre-
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