

EDITORIAL

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The papers published in the sixth issue of Urban Crime-An International Journal cover a variety of topics concerning demonstrations in France, urban violence in Nigeria, violent crimes against persons in the Greek capital, domestic abuse in the cases of Italy and land associated crimes in Nigeria.

The first article, titled “*Démocratie et manifestation de rue: l’expérience française*” (“*Democracy and demonstration. The French experience.*”) by François Dieu (Université Toulouse Capitole) provides an analysis of the phenomenon of protests in France today, in connection with the evolutions of the democratic system.

The second article, a contribution by Yusuf, Olanrewaju Lateef (Lagos State University) & Ojewale, Oluwatosin Raimot (University of Ibadan), is entitled “*Implications of Urban Violence on Community Security in Ibadan North Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria*”. The authors present the phenomenology of urban violence and its consequences in Ibadan North Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria, through the results of their study.

The article that follows by Elli Anitsi (Panteion University) is entitled “*A qualitative approach of socio-spatial characteristics in the commission of violent crimes against persons.*” The paper aims to explore the interplay between social, spatial, and cultural

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characteristics in the commission of violent crimes against persons, through the thematic analysis of court cases regarding crimes committed in the Greek capital.

The article “*Evolving legal landscape in the field of domestic abuse in Italy*” by *Raffaella Sette* (University of Bologna), describes domestic abuse in Italy, along with the long history of legislative acts adopted to tackle the phenomenon. Moreover, the author highlights the necessity to focus on prevention and the protection of victims.

Regarding the article authored by *Adewumi I. Badiora, Bashir O. Odufuwa, Sunday S. Omoniyi & Surajudeen O. Momodu* (Olabisi Onabanjo University) entitled “*Assessment of crime and offences associated with land administration: The case of Ogun State, Southwest, Nigeria*”, examines patterns of land associated crimes, and they focus on their etiology, while also providing crime policy recommendations.

In the Commentary section, the issue includes the contribution of *Eleni Kontopoulou* (Panteion University) entitled “*Empirical results on fear of crime in the framework of the research projects “BeSecure-FeelSecure” and “UrbanCrime: Spatial aspects of crime and insecurity in the era of economic crisis: Trends, dimensions and correlations”*”.

The issue is closing with a book review “*Zarafonitou, Ch. (2023). Fear of crime: Analects, Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki. (In Greek)*” by *Elli Anitsi* and the publications monitor.

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