

EDITORIAL

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The first article, titled “*CCTV as “not really a panacea” for tackling urban insecurity and possible ways to improve its performance: Evidence from Budapest and Milan*” by *Tatiana Lysova* (University of Milan-Bicocca) examines the effectiveness of CCTV through interviews with actors directly involved in dealing with urban insecurity in two different European cities Budapest, and Milan. The research concludes that there are discrepancies between the desired goals and the actual performance of video surveillance and suggests required actions for tackling the presented problems.

The article that follows by *Pantxika Victoire Morlat* (University of Liverpool) and *Philippe Chassy* (Canterbury Christ Church University) is entitled “*Investigating the influence of deprivation, police stations and education facilities on acquisitive crime*”. The authors explore the relationship between deprivation and acquisitive crime in the city of Manchester, as well as the influences of education facilities and police stations. The research findings suggest that deprivation impacts the number of acquisitive crimes, but the most deprived areas are not those with the most acquisitive crime.

The third article, a contribution by *Paula Nunes Mamede Rosa* (Northumbria University), is entitled “*Criminological examination in Brazil: An Inter-American human rights-based approach*”. The author analyses criminological examination

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conducted in Brasil in the post-conviction stage by examining the legal framework and research findings on how judges use and interpret the process. From a human rights perspective, the author underpins the dangers in adopting risk assessment as a means of predicting future behavior by discussing on methodological issues and violations in the principle of legality.

Finally, the commentary by *Maryana Kachynska* (Northumbria University) titled “*Preventing domestic violence and related crimes in Ukraine during a full-scale invasion: The case study of Kharkiv*” presents trends, policing, and challenges in dealing with domestic violence during the war in Ukraine.

The issue is closing with three book reviews. The section includes two reviews on the book *Empirical Criminology [Εμπειρική Εγκληματολογία]*. 3rd edition, 2023 authored by Christina Zarafonitou, from *Georgios A. Antonopoulos* (Northumbria University) and *Charalampos Karagiannidis* (Aristotle University) respectively. The section also includes the review of *Charalampos Karagiannidis* on the book *Urban Living at the Beginning of the 21st Century in Amsterdam, Hamburg and Vienna*, 2020, authored by Sagel-Grande.