This issue focuses on crime in the city with particular reference to the relationship between crime, land use and the urban environment. In their papers, the editor and contributors discuss different aspects of crime risk, crime opportunities, crime prevention and fear of crime.

Following Alex Hirschfield’s scene-setting paper, Danielle Reynald et al. examine the importance of social distance as a barrier to offender movements. Shane D. Johnson et al. take a closer look at crime hotspots and how far they represent stable patterns of crime. Jennifer B. Robinson describes the impact of a major regeneration programme on crime patterns in a North American city. J. Bryan Kinney et al. explore the relationship between urban land use and crime in Vancouver, while Tinus Kruger and Karina Landman investigate how far theories of environmental criminology and situational crime prevention apply outside the West by focusing on gated communities and crime reduction in urban South Africa. Andrew Newton moves away from a concern with crime affecting fixed locations by considering the special factors that apply when measuring and tackling crime on public transport.

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