THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DYNAMICS OF VIOLENCE

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Abstract
The spatial concentration of crime is strongly associated with disadvantage and the ecological structure of urban neighbourhoods. For much of the last century, criminologists have argued that serious crime flourishes when the neighbourhood networks necessary for maintaining informal social control have broken down. Yet due to the limited availability of neighbourhood panel data, the temporal relationship between neighbourhood structure, neighbourhood social processes and violence is poorly understood, particularly in the Australian context. In this presentation I discuss the Australian Community Capacity Study (ACCS), a longitudinal study of urban neighbourhoods.

Presenter
Rebecca Wickes is an Associate Professor in Criminology at the School of Social Science and the Director for the Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre at Monash University. She is the lead investigator of the Australian Community Capacity Study, a multi-million, multisite, longitudinal study of place. Dr Wickes’ research focuses on demographic changes in urban communities and their influence on social relationships, community regulation, victimisation, crime and disorder over time. She has published substantive works in Criminology, Journal for Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Social Forces, Social Science Research among others. Dr Wickes is the Vice President of the Australian New Zealand Society of Criminology and the Associate Editor for the Australia New Zealand Journal of Criminology. She is an executive member of the American Society of Criminology Communities and Place Division and is on the advisory board for Welcoming Cities Australia.

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