

Review of: "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design — Enhancing Safety and Livability in Maqboolpura, Amritsar: An Adaptive Approach to Crime Prevention in Informal Settlements"

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The article addresses a relevant topic, especially when considering countries with high levels of social inequality. The issues raised by the authors regarding India are similar to those observed in various countries in Latin America and Africa.

The approach taken in the article is significant, as it incorporates references and studies from other regions facing similar situations. Based on a survey highlighting the problems observed in the specific region of India, actions are suggested, drawing from the consulted works. While not all the proposed actions may be implemented, it is important to recognize the theoretical potential for making a significant contribution to mitigating issues of violence, particularly through urban design.

It is worth noting that the approach considering urban design, known as one of the factors contributing to the development of violence, remains relatively unexplored in the fields of architecture and urban planning, especially in its practical application.

A survey, supported by cartography, was conducted to determine land use and identify other characteristics of the area in order to propose an action plan. Qualitative analysis, including detailed observation of informal settlements, has proven to be an effective method for diagnosing these regions, also here in Brazil. This approach allows for the precise identification of needs, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region. The support of cartography is essential for visually understanding these areas and can aid in presenting results to the local population, as images have a direct impact.

While the proposals presented may not be entirely novel, the article merits recognition for systematizing knowledge that is somewhat known in developing regions. It also provides recommendations for actions that can effectively address the issues of violence associated with the lack of attention from public authorities.

I can recommend accepting the article, as it is well-written, supported by appropriate references, and suggests actions that can genuinely bring about a positive change in the dynamics of these regions.

