

Review of: "Beyond Boundaries: Exploring Livability in Diverse CPTED-Enhanced Neighbourhoods of Bengaluru"

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Dear Jananee and Dakshayini,

Thank you very much for your manuscript; with insights from Bengaluru, it has the potential to contribute to the studies about the perception of safety and urban livability. To enhance its potential, the manuscript needs some revisions.

The abstract needs to be shortened but with more clarity. For instance, 2nd paragraph, last sentence is important yet needs clarity. I would suggest writing this explanation in a couple of short sentences to talk about methods: interviews and surveys with whom; field observations about what; two neighborhoods distinct in what sense?

By comparing two neighborhoods, what do you want to find out about?

The introduction has too many subsections, which distracts readers' attention. It clarifies that CPTED is a way to improve the safety concerns in urban public spaces. However, it needs to talk about the conditions that make you compare two neighborhoods: different urban settings with their physical and social characteristics or ways of implementing CPTED principles.

The manuscript refers a lot to "principles" or driving ideas of CPTED. It needs to describe also the CPTED tools or how CPTED principles are implemented by the design and management of public spaces. Or how CPTED "manipulates physical and environmental factors" needs examples from daily life. Also, are there any critics about the negative aspects of CPTED implementations?

Study Sites: You have two neighborhoods distinct in what sense? Besides explaining physical and social characteristics and implementing CPTEDs in these neighborhoods, some images/ maps would help; tables about field observations would be great for comparing neighborhoods.

Methods and Results: What are the running themes in your surveys and interviews? In the results, each bar chart could be supported by presenting the question it talks about.

References: The list needs some updating. To support your effort, I would like to suggest this recent work about perceived safety and design of public spaces :

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/360318411_Gendered_sense_of_safety_and_coping_strategies_in_public_places_a_study_in_Ataturk_Meydani_of_Izmir ...good luck:)ftm

