

# 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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This article focuses on liveability initiatives in Maqboolpura, Punjab region, India, with the aim of reducing crime in informal settlements. Section 1. Introduction is a summary of descriptive data on informal settings in Indian cities, particularly in Amritsar district of Punjab, which has a population of 10,370 in an area of 1.29 km<sup>2</sup>. The authors bring up common features of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) to highlight how the surroundings of Maqboolpura could be considered filthy and less liveable compared to other settlements in the area. "The poor quality of buildings" and "the lack of public spaces is seen by the authors as the main objective for the demand to create new living conditions in these informal settlements with the aim of making them capable of reducing crime and the feeling of insecurity associated with it. Figure 6 is a kind of child's drawing that perfectly explains that science has only cold meaning if we are not accustomed to the challenge and the possibility of showing things as they are, without masks and/or scientific manipulation filters.

The authors therefore wish to show that habitability is a middle term among human needs and values, on the one hand, and on the other hand, a list of important human social constructions such as i. health care, ii. education, iii. spatial urban planning, etc. which models the environment, the distribution of establishments and the function of buildings. Maqboolpura is unfortunately described as a filthy space, filled with deprived areas, where people face enormous challenges in integrating into the rest of the socio-economic sphere. Some investigations reported there have used i. primary surveys, ii. content analysis, and iii. land use analysis drawings with the aim of, among other things, detecting patterns of activity. The points considered at stake in safety and security are illustrated in the photographs in Figure 12. Information on how people feel in Maqboolpura is given in the section *Perception of safety and security among residents of Maqboolpura*. A proposal for redevelopment of this Indian zone is also presented in Figures 14 and 15.

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