"The territorialisation of urban spaces in large cities: a North-South Comparison"

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Territorialisation and rescaling of policing in post-apartheid Johannesburg

TORORESE ARCHOUTES

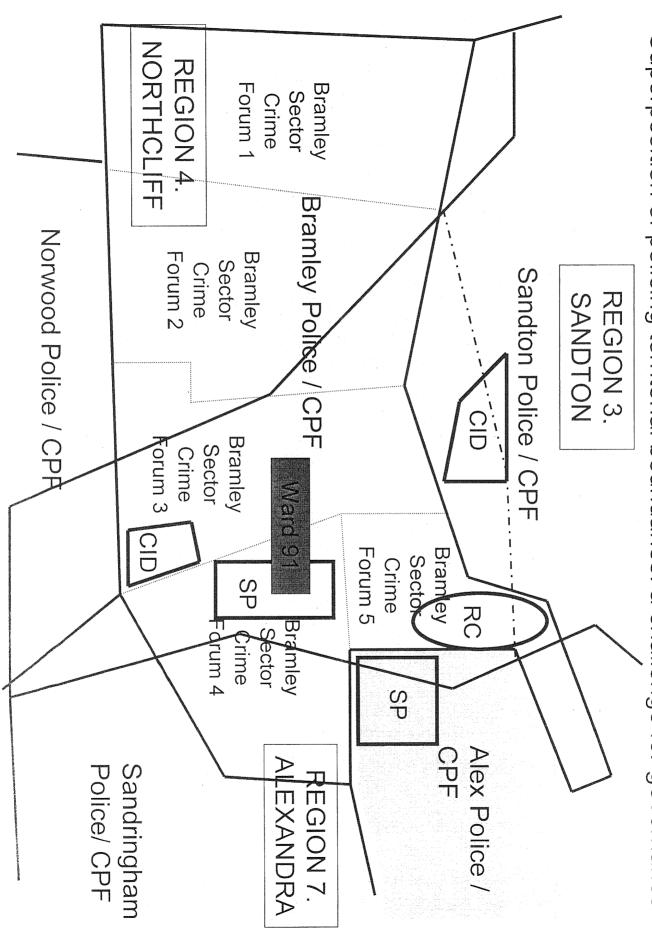
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Key points

- Policing Alexandra surroundings reading power structures through overlapping territories
- II- Building on territorial theories refining typologies

Superposition of policing territorial boundaries: a challenge for governance



II – Questioning the theoretical framework through Johannesburg case study

Constructing territories: discussing the typology

Building territories from the top

| | Police | Metro Council |
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| Institutional logic – building functional and politically legitimate territories (decentralisation, accountability, efficiency) | * | * |
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| Space classification logic - building |
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| boundaries that subsume, erase social difference under a common jurisdiction |
| Regulatory logic – building narrower |
| territories to adapt policies to increasing |
| social differenciation (more important than |
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| Divide and rule – dividing an homogeneous space into different territories to enhance differenciation | Regulatory logic — building narrower territories to adapt policies to increasing social differenciation (more important than homogenising and redistributive policies) |
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Building territories from the bottom

Stigmatisation and appropriation of the stigma

Territorial club
creation (private and
efficient management
versus inefficient
public management) –
market dynamic

Expression of common values and identities (desire to live together) / management of collective goods in a non-market form)

management: lack of efficiency of the State / better accountability and control at micro-local level (market or nonmarket logic)

- Affirmation of collective identity/ common values (positive or appropriation of the stigma)

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