

UQ 2019 Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	A synthesis of terminology used for routine activities
Project duration:	4 weeks
Description:	A founding tenet of environmental theories of crime asserts that an individual's everyday routine actions are shaped by the physical and social environment which in turn influences opportunities for crime to arise a particular places and times. But criminology is not the only academic discipline to study everyday regularities in human mobility and interaction with urban spaces; research has also developed within sociology, human geography and urban design. The cross-disciplinary nature of scholarship in this area demonstrates the importance of understanding everyday routine actions and the influence of physical and social context and provides a range of perspectives and insights on the complexities of individualised routine. However, concepts and terminology used across published literature differs widely across discipline. This makes it difficult to compare across studies or systematic summarise the research findings. The aim of this project is to synthesise cross-disciplinary scholarship from criminology, sociology, geography and urban design on <i>routine activity spaces</i> and <i>time space geography</i> to compile a 'glossary' of overlapping terms, concepts and theoretical frameworks.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	Scholars will gain skills in the use of databases for semi-systematic literature searches and experience working on a cross-disciplinary project. The student will be asked to produce an excel document that will be a 'glossary of terms' and a report detailing their literature search method and results. Depending on the quality of the output, there is capacity for this report to generate a publication and this 'glossary' could be published as an online appendix.
Suitable for:	This project is suitable for 3-4 year students with experience in criminology, sociology or any social sciences.
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