

Mixed Impact of Police-monitored CCTV Cameras on Crime Patterns

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Presentation Overview

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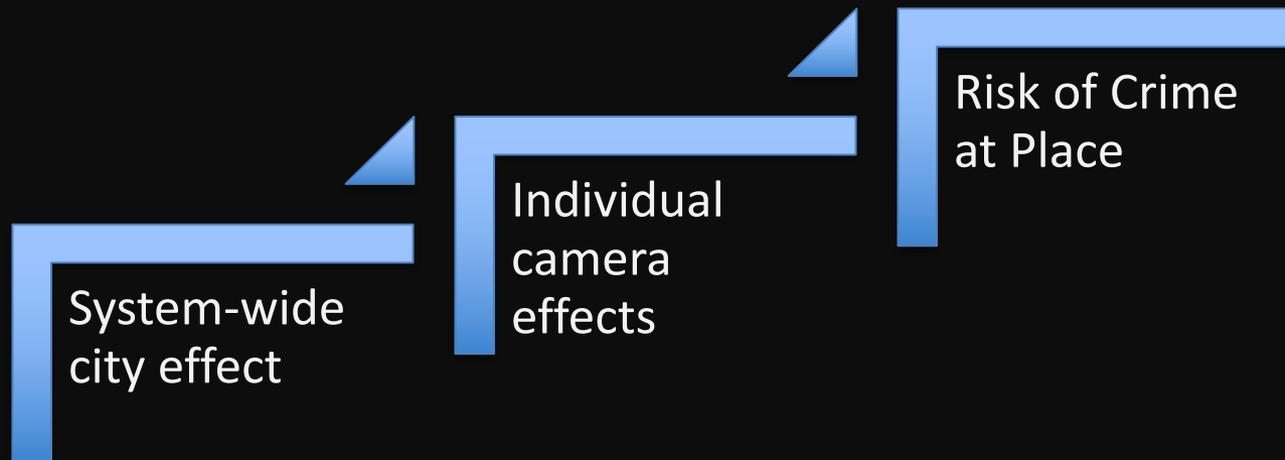
The Objectives of the Study

- Previous Studies
 - Lack of rigor
 - Welsh & Farrington (2007)
 - Excluded 23 of 45 new studies due to insufficient research designs
 - Little explanation of why deterrence effect of the cameras is so varied

Previous Studies on Deterrent Effect of Police-monitored CCTV Cameras

- Methodological Concerns
 - Unit of analysis
 - One-dimensional research methodology
- It is assumed that deterrent effect of CCTV systems has not been proven through empirical studies.

The Objectives of the Study



- Presented Study
 - Previous studies + Risk of Crime at Place + Environmental Backcloth operationalized with Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM)

Theories Used in the Study

Core Assumptions

Risk of Crime at Place

- Cameras are features of the environment that have spatial influences, and these spatial influences affect legal behavior.

Rational Choice Theory

- Offender calculates cost and benefits
- Makes decision
- The role that immediate environments play in behavior.

Deterrence Theory

- Punishment of crime is enough to restrain an offender's criminal intention to commit crime.
- CCTV footage can provide significant evidence for offender's identity in courts and can prove their criminal act.

Research Design and Methodology

Research Questions and Hypotheses

RQ-1

Does the addition of CCTV cameras to a landscape reduce the numbers of aggravated assault, auto theft, theft from auto, and larceny theft incidents within the camera's viewshed areas?

- **H1**

The number of the selected crimes will decrease respectively across all CCTV camera's viewshed areas for up to a one year period after installation when compared to one year prior to cameras' installations.

- **H2**

Certain individual CCTV camera's viewsheds will have a reduction in the number of the selected crimes in time period 2 compared to time period 1, while others will not, regardless of whether there is a system-wide effect.

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Research Questions and Hypotheses (Cont 'd)

RQ2

Do environmental risk values mitigate the deterrent effect of CCTV cameras on aggravated assaults, auto thefts, thefts from auto, and larceny thefts at their viewsheds?

- H3

Individual CCTV cameras that don't have a reduction in the selected crime types will have significantly higher average environmental risk values compared to CCTV cameras that do have a reduction in these crimes in time period 2 compared to period 1.

Research Design and Methodology

Study Setting

Bursa City Police Jurisdiction Central Sub Districts



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Crime Selection

- This study will:
 - Examine crime types that are thought to be affected by the Police-monitored CCTV system. (Indoor & Outdoor)
 - Aggravated Assaults
 - Larceny Thefts
 - Thefts from Autos
 - Auto Thefts

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Operationalization of Key Concepts

- Definition of Police Monitored CCTV cameras

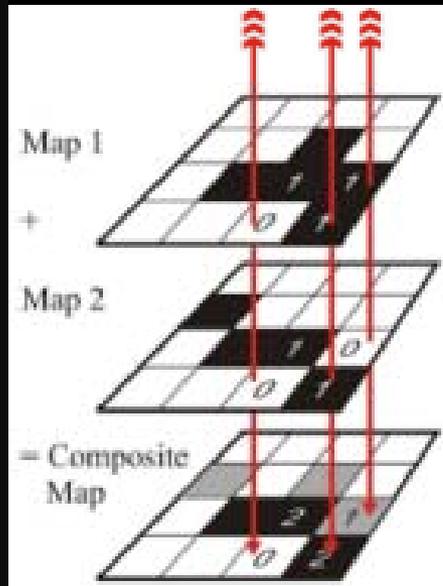


- Dome cameras have the ability to zoom, pan 360 degrees and tilt 180 degrees
- They are placed at various locations (N=119).

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Operationalization of Key Concepts

- Risk Terrain Modeling

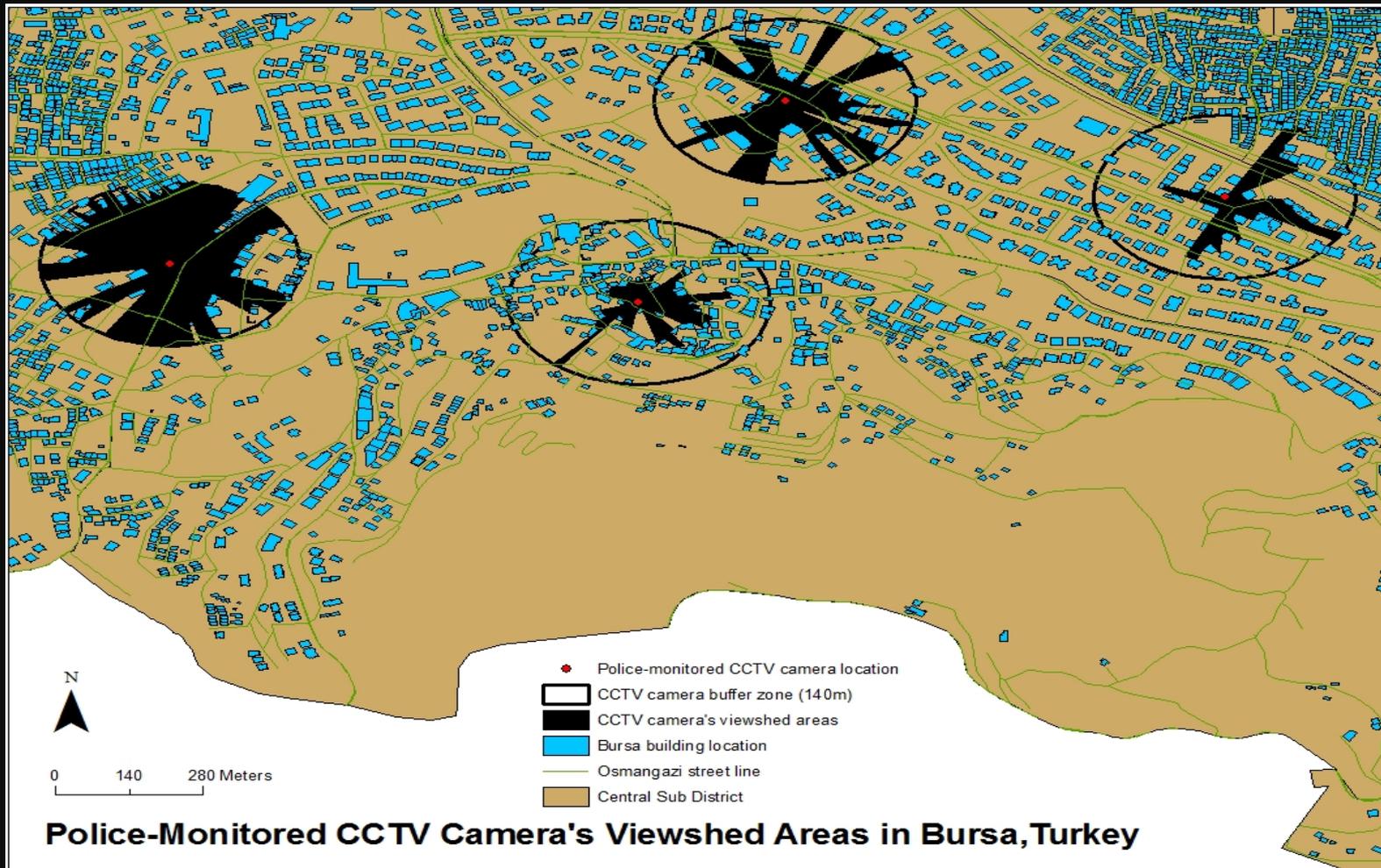


- “RTM standardizes all risk factors to common geographic units over a continuous surface” (Kennedy & Caplan , 2011).

Research Design and Methodology
Selecting and *Operationalization Environmental
Risk Factors for Each Crime Type*

Research Design and Methodology

Preparation The Cameras' Viewshed Areas



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Analysis for Hypothesis 1(System-wide effect)

- The Number of Aggravated Assaults, Larceny Thefts, Thefts From Autos and Auto Theft Incidents

Crime Types	Pre-Installation Period	Post-Installation Period	% Change	Difference
Aggravated Assaults	48	44	-8.33%	-4
Larceny Thefts	235	177	-24.60%	-58
Thefts From Autos	76	52	-31.50%	-24
Auto Thefts	25	22	-12%	-3

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Difference of Mean Analysis for Hypothesis 1 (System-wide effect)

Crime Category	Mean	SD	Min	Max	n	t	df	p
Aggravated Assault						0.361	118	0.719
Pre-CCTV	0.4	0.886	-0.151	0.218	119			
Post-CCTV	0.37	0.735			119			
Larceny Theft						2.112*	118	0.037
Pre-CCTV	1.97	3.468	0.03	0.944	119			
Post-CCTV	1.49	2.372			119			
Theft from Auto						2.531*	118	0.013
Pre-CCTV	0.64	0.989	0.044	0.359	119			
Post-CCTV	0.44	0.755			119			
Auto Theft						0.446	118	0.657
Pre-CCTV	0.21	0.535	-0.087	0.137	119			
Post-CCTV	0.18	0.469			119			

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Analysis for Hypothesis 2 (The Certain Individual Cameras' effect)

Calculation of Location Quotient value – for each camera's viewsheds

Location Quotient

$(LQ) = (C_x / T_x) / (\sum C_{cw} / \sum T_{cw})$ (Modified from Caplan, 2010)

- C_x :

The number of aggravated assaults, thefts from auto, auto thefts and larceny thefts, respectively in the individual (x) police-monitored CCTV camera's viewshed area,

- T_x :

Total area of each per-viewshed (x) within the police responsible sub-districts in the city of Bursa,

- $\sum C_{cw}$:

Total numbers of aggravated assaults, thefts from auto, auto thefts and larceny thefts, respectively, in all police-monitored CCTV camera's viewshed areas

- $\sum T_{cw}$:

Total area of the each viewshed within the police responsible sub-districts in the city of Bursa.

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Analysis for Hypothesis 2

CRIME TYPE	Negative Difference LQ	Neg. %	Positive Difference LQ	Pos. %	No Change LQ	% No Change
Aggravated Assault	23	19.30%	27	22.70%	69	58.00%
Larceny Theft	45	37.81%	38	31.93%	36	30.25%
Theft From Auto	34	28.57%	29	24.36%	56	47.05%
Auto Theft	14	11.76%	17	14.28%	88	73.94%

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Analysis for Hypothesis 3

- Validate Risk Terrain Modeling map on aggravated assault, larceny theft, theft from auto and auto theft, respectively.
- Ordered Logistic Regression.
 - Using average risk value and
 - Location Quotient Change for each camera's viewshed.

Variables	Aggravated Assault		Larceny Theft		Auto Theft		Theft From Auto
<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	%Percentile	<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	%Percentile	<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	%Percentile	<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	%Percentile
Bus Stops	79.20***	Bus Stops	78.20***	Bus Stops	76.70***	Bus Stops	77.2***
Internet Cafes	60.70***	Public Phones	61.90***	Internet Cafes	50.70***	Public Phones	52.8***
Public Phones	57.80***	Internet Cafes	58.30***	Pharmacies	42.20***	Internet Cafes	51.9***
Pharmacies	45.70***	Drug Related Places	42.10***	Schools	31.50***	Pharmacies	37.7***
Drug Related Places	42.70***	Schools	40.20***	Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	28.90***	Drug Related Places	36.8***
Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	35.40***	University Course Buildings	20.80***	Bakers	23.30***	Schools	30.4***
Coffee Houses	22.90***	Coffee Houses	20.30***	Coffee Houses	18.90***	Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	27.3***
Wedding Saloons	22.90***	Bars & Liquor Stores & Night Clubs	19.60***	Parks	16.30***	Bakers	19.8***
University Course Buildings	19.10***	Banks & ATM's	18.90***	University Course Buildings	15.90***	Coffee Houses	17.3***
Banks & ATM's	18.50***	Parks	17.10***	Bars & Liquor Stores & Night Clubs	14.10***	Wedding Saloons	17.3***
Bars & Liquor Stores & Night Clubs	18.20***			Banks & ATM's	12.20***	Parks	15.1***
Hotels	9.70***			Gas Stations	5.90***	University Course Buildings	14.9***
Gas Stations	5.20***			Hotels	4.40***	jewelrys	13.2***
Sport Facilities	3.80***			Sport Facilities	4.10***	Bars & Liquor Stores & Night Clubs	12.5***
				Historic Places	2.20***	Banks & ATM's	10.8***
						Hotels	6.2***
						Sport Facilities	3.7***
						Gas Stations	3.3***
						Historic Places	1.4***
CORRECTED P-VALUE	0.014	CORRECTED P-VALUE	0.01	CORRECTED P-VALUE	0.015	CORRECTED P-VALUE	0.019

*p<.05; **p<.01; ***p<.001

Calculation of Environmental Risk Values

<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	# of Aggravated Assaults	of all cells intersected with streets	RSI	Risk Factor's Weight
Coffee Houses	177	462	0.383	2.4
Wedding Saloons	177	463	0.382	2.4
Pharmacies	353	1165	0.303	1.9
Drug Related Places	330	1188	0.278	1.8
Internet Cafes	469	1795	0.261	1.7
University Course Buildings	148	605	0.245	1.5
Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	274	1124	0.244	1.5
Public Phones	447	2003	0.223	1.4
Bus Stops	612	3862	0.158	1.0
<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	Larceny Theft	of all cells intersected with streets	RSI	Risk Factor's Weight
Coffee Houses	188	462	0.407	2.2
Bars & Liquor Stores & Night Clubs	181	491	0.369	2.0
Drug Related Places	389	1188	0.327	1.8
University Course Buildings	192	605	0.317	1.7
Schools	372	1194	0.312	1.7
Internet Cafes	539	1795	0.300	1.6
Public Phones	573	2003	0.286	1.5
Bus Stops	723	3862	0.187	1.0

<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	Auto Theft	of all cells intersected with streets	RSI	Risk Factor's Weight
Bakers	63	571	0.110	2.0
Pharmacies	114	1165	0.098	1.8
Internet Cafes	137	1795	0.076	1.4
Schools	85	1194	0.071	1.3
Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	78	1124	0.069	1.3
Bus Stops	207	3862	0.054	1.0
<i>Environmental Risk Factors</i>	Theft From Auto	of all cells intersected with streets	RSI	Risk Factor's Weight
Bakers	173	571	0.303	1.7
Pharmacies	329	1165	0.282	1.6
Drug Related Places	321	1188	0.270	1.5
Internet Cafes	453	1795	0.252	1.4
Public Phones	461	2003	0.230	1.3
Schools	265	1194	0.222	1.3
Alcohol restaurants & Late dining	238	1124	0.212	1.2
Bus Stops	674	3862	0.175	1.0

Research Design and Methodology

Variables for Ordered Logistic Regression

Dependent Variables

Location Quotient Change in aggravated assaults, larceny thefts, thefts from autos and auto thefts within police jurisdiction in Bursa, Turkey.

Negative Change = 0, No change = 1, Positive Change = 2)

Independent Variables

- Environmental risk values for each aforementioned crime type.

Descriptive Statistics of Dependent and Independent Variables

DEPENDENT VARIABLES					
<i>Recoded LQ Change in Crime Category</i>					
Crime Category	Mean	SD	Min	Max	N
Aggravated Assault LQ Change	0.9579832	0.6430193	0	2	119
Larceny Theft LQ Change	1.05042	0.8320766	0	2	119
Tehft from Auto LQ Change	1.042017	0.7294641	0	2	119
Auto Theft LQ Change	0.9747899	0.5119286	0	2	119
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES					
<i>Environmental Risk Value</i>					
Aggravated Assault Risk Value	5.469033	3.377821	0	11	119
Larceny Theft Risk Value	5.150695	2.777757	0	10	119
Tehft from Auto Risk Value	4.474566	2.185999	0	7.5	119
Auto Theft Risk Value	3.241716	1.797609	0	6	119

Results of Ordered Logistic Regression

All Viewsheds				
Variables	Independent Variable (Environmental Risk Values)			
<i>Dependent Variables (The LQ Change in Crime Category)</i>	<i>Coeff.</i>	<i>Std. Err.</i>	<i>Odds Ratio</i>	<i>Pseudo R2</i>
Aggravated Assault Risk Value	-0.1148112*	0.054369	0.8915345	0.0199**
Larceny Theft Risk Value	-0.327812***	0.0701913	0.7204985	0.095***
Theft from Auto Risk Value	-0.3615678***	0.0863101	0.6965834	0.0768***
Auto Theft Risk Value	-0.2840073*	0.1197831	0.7527611	0.0329*

*p<.05;**p<.01;***p<.001

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Hypotheses of Study

- H1: Crime categories will experience a statistically significant reduction
 - *Reject null hypothesis*
- H2: Individual cameras will exhibit variability (both “effective” and “ineffective” sites)
 - *Reject null hypothesis*
- H3: Individual CCTV cameras that don't have a reduction in the selected crime types will have significantly higher average environmental risk values compared to CCTV cameras that do have a reduction in these crimes in time period 2 compared to period 1.
 - *Reject null hypothesis*

Findings of The Study

- Discussions of macro level (city-wide system effect) analysis,
- Discussions of cultural relativity of crime indicators,
- Discussions of micro level (individual camera level) analysis,
 - *“some places are likely to be more crime prone than others...”*
(Caplan et al., 2011, p. 265).
- The effect of environmental risk value on CCTV in deterrence effect

Policy Implications

This study:

- Advance CCTV research of crime at place when using environmental risk value.
- Emphasize a pre-evaluation of likely impact of the CCTV cameras before policy is implemented. Ideal Environments for CCTV Cameras
 - Certain areas “criminogenic” to CCTV
- Explored the impact of environmental risk on the deterrent effect of CCTV cameras on aggravated assault, auto theft, theft from auto, and larceny theft at their viewsheds.

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