Land use impact on spatial distribution of crime

The purpose of this workshop is to identify a spatial pattern of urban crime (residential crimes, car crimes, commercial crimes, robbery and fights, and drug crimes) and to evaluate the relationship between aspects of place and clustering of crime. The study focuses on the point incident mapping of (ca. 40.000) urban crimes by address, committed in the years 2005-10 in the Polish large city of Szczecin (ca. 400.000 inhabitants). Hypothetical spatial (punctual, linear or areal) conditions of particular types of urban crime are divided into: generators (i.e. malls, commercial centers and streets, markets, traffic nodes, high schools, sport and entertainment centers etc.), attractors (alcohol shops, night clubs, discotheques, pawnshops etc.), enablers (public housing, youth concentrations, poverty areas, demolished and abandoned areas etc.), distractors (safeguarded buildings and areas, monitored public spaces, churches, cemeteries etc.), and crime-neutral areas. Relationships between the concentrations of particular types of urban crime and the individual and common impact of generators, attractors, enablers, and distracters will be quantitatively evaluated using the GIS and crime mapping methods and techniques (overlapping, buffering, distance), as well as statistical tests.

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