Global Hot Spots of Violence: Exploring the Paradox of State Strength and Weakness

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Why does violence cluster in a few ‘hot spots’ across the globe? What can we do to reduce and prevent them? With the ‘paradox of state strength and weakness’ as her point of departure, Professor Susanne Karstedt discusses how key insights from criminology and the policing of ‘hot spots’ in cities can be taken to the global level.

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