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1. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE THEME

Analysing the theme of urban security requires a multifocal perspective, given the multiple levels involved and the complexity of the subject. If, until the end of the last century in Italy, this topic was considered the exclusive domain of legal sciences, it was with the Law Decree No. 92 of May 23, 2008, converted into law on July 24, 2008, that the term "public security" was replaced with the phrase "urban security" understood as a sociological category.

This is a paradigm shift where the production of security for citizens is no longer solely contributed by the Police Forces patrolling the streets, but also and above all by the design of neighbourhoods, the conformation of buildings, the characteristics of the road network, street lighting, the provision of cameras, and everything through which a crime can first be prevented and then punished.

The special issue aims to address this vast field of study starting from multiple dimensions—theoretical and experiential—which are very heterogeneous. Great emphasis will be placed on administrative aspects inherent to the transition from the government (pyramidal) model of public security management to the governance model of participatory security.

Likewise, certain opportunities and new fields of research will be analysed in relation to the theme of new technologies for security, the management and communication of emergencies, the coordination of police forces, and the social role of the police forces.

This proposal offers a stratified and plural sociological reading that captures emergent and still under-investigated phenomena along the complex intersection between security and the city.

The following thematic areas are suggested for the volume, for mere indication:

1. Public Security Authority yesterday and today: normative and sociological aspects;
2. Attitudes, governance, and relational processes in public security work;
3. Migration and urban security;
4. The protection of public space through urban security practices;

- 5. Urban space, quality of life, and social security;
- 6. The social role of the Public Security Forces;
- 7. Communication, new technologies, and urban security management;
- 8. Security policies between repression and prevention;
- 9. The role of the Local Police in urban security.

2. TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

To participate in the issue project it is necessary to send an email, by **January 31, 2026**, indicating the title and attaching the abstract (about 2000 characters, spaces included), in Italian, English or French, to the following address: l.meglio@unicas.it.

By February 20, 2026, the editor will communicate via email whether the proposal has been accepted or rejected.

Accepted contributions must be original, written in Italian, English, or French, and must be between 29,000 and 35,000 characters (spaces included). Finally, they must follow the editorial guidelines provided by the journal and reported on the webpage: [Editorial Standards](#). The deadline for uploading the manuscript to the publisher's webpage (<https://siss.terni.unipg.it/ojs/index.php/siss/submission/wizard>) is **March 30, 2026**.

The text selection process is carried out by the editors and at least two anonymous referees. Following the article review process, modifications and integrations to the accepted articles may be requested, regarding both formatting and the content of the presentation.

Other useful information about the journal: <https://siss.terni.unipg.it/ojs/index.php/siss/about>

SUMMARY OF DEADLINES:

