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Introduction

The material presented here raises general themes of order and disorder, the way they are represented or signified, and the place of crime in these representations. The material is based upon an audio file, originally 29 minutes in length, and examines the problem of crime in relation to the city of Glasgow. It was recorded in 1999.

This OpenLearn course provides a sample of Level 2 study in [Sociology](#).

Learning Outcomes

After studying this course, you should be able to:

- illustrate how cities can be represented as dangerous places to live
- give examples of the place of crime in representations of cities.

1 Overview

1 The problem with crime: Glasgow

Sean Damer examines the problem of crime in relation to Glasgow. The audio programme was recorded in 2001.

Participants in the audio programme were:

- **Sean Damer** Staff Tutor in Politics for The Open University, Scotland and is based in the University of Glasgow;
- **Moira Burgess** a pre-eminent bibliographer of Glasgow and analyst of Glasgow in fiction;
- **Jimmy Boyle** a graduate of Barlinnie Prison's famous Special Unit.

All are experienced OU tutors.

Activity 1

Listen to the audio files. You may find it helpful to listen to the recordings a second time and take notes.

The problem with crime part 1 (10.5 minutes 5 MB)

Audio content is not available in this format.

[The problem with crime part 1](#)

The problem with crime part 2 (7.5 minutes 5 MB)

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[The problem with crime part 2](#)

The problem with crime part 3 (4.5 minutes 4 MB)

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[The problem with crime part 3](#)

Conclusion

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