

**Urban Security and Prevention of Victimisation:
Some Reflections on the Occasion of the Bologna World Crime Forum**

**Sécurité urbaine et prévention de la victimisation : quelques réflexions à
l'occasion du World Crime Forum**

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Riassunto

Il presente articolo racchiude alcune osservazioni relative al World Crime Forum in tema di “Urban Security and Prevention of Victimisation” che si è svolto a Bologna. Si tratta delle prime riflessioni dell’autore che si collegano agli altri contributi che appaiono in questo numero della rivista.

Résumé

Cet article contient quelques réflexions sur le World Crime Forum « Urban Security and Prevention of Victimisation » qui s’est déroulé à Bologne. Il s’agit des observations personnelles de l’auteur liées aux articles parus dans ce numéro de la revue.

Abstract

This article contains some reflections on the occasion of the Bologna World Crime Forum on Urban Security and Prevention of Victimisation. It does not take the shape of a thorough analysis nor display a high degree of systematisation in relation to this theme, but constitutes first and foremost reflections of a personal nature that are linked to the written contributions appearing in this journal issue.

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