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Abstract

In addition to shocking crimes around the time of proposing this research theme, the fact that Crime in the Indian context has been scarcely explored from the perspective of Economics, is what motivated this thesis. The first chapter uses secondary data to gauge the effect of State Legal Apparatus on Crime as well as Juvenile crime, controlling for relevant socioeconomic indicators and finds varying effects depending on the category of crime. The second chapter uses primary data to examine whether it is the awareness status of juveniles (in terms of the relative leniency of the Juvenile Justice System) that drives juvenile crime, and finds that this is not the case. And finally, the third chapter employs secondary data to look into the bearer side of crime, assessing if “social capital” affects vulnerability to crime and finds, inter alia, that this is indeed the case.

सार

इस शोध विषय का प्रस्ताव देने के समय के आसपास चौंकाने वाले अपराधों के अलावा, तथ्य यह है कि भारतीय संदर्भ में अपराध को अर्थशास्त्र के परिप्रेक्ष्य से शायद ही कभी खोजा गया है, यही है इस थीसिस प्रेरित किया। पहला अध्याय राज्य कानूनी के प्रभाव को मापने के लिए माध्यमिक डेटा का उपयोग करता है अपराध के साथ-साथ किशोर अपराध पर अपरिपक्व, प्रासंगिक सामाजिक आर्थिक संकेतकों के लिए नियंत्रण और अपराध की श्रेणी के आधार पर विभिन्न प्रभाव पाता है। दूसरा अध्याय प्राथमिक का उपयोग करता है डेटा जांचने के लिए कि क्या यह किशोरों की जागरूकता स्थिति है (सापेक्ष उदारता के संदर्भ में किशोर न्याय प्रणाली) जो किशोर अपराध को चलाती है, और पाती है कि यह मामला नहीं है। तथा आखिरकार, तीसरा अध्याय अपराध के वाहक पक्ष को देखने के लिए माध्यमिक डेटा को नियोजित करता है, इसका आकलन करता है "सामाजिक पूंजी" अपराध के प्रति संवेदनशीलता को प्रभावित करती है और अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह वास्तव में मामला है।

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