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## PANEL TITLE: ANTHROPOLOGY, CRIME AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE

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### ABSTRACT

Any society is a cluster of individuals with a moral reality. With societies and moral order represented by the conscious collective, there exist social facts. These social facts hold a moral authority over individuals in society thus keeping social order stable. According to Durkheim Deviance is ‘an integral part of all healthy societies’ being it ‘primitive’ or a modern. He argued that crime is “inevitable and normal” in all societies, and that the crime rate was proportionately higher in more advanced, industrial societies. He further theorized that crime was inevitable because not every member of society can be equally committed to the collective sentiments (the shared values and moral beliefs of society). Since individuals are exposed to different influences and circumstances, it was ‘impossible for them to be all alike’ and hence some people would inevitably break the law. In his opinion, crime not only strengthens social cohesion but also unites the people against the condemned. The public responses to crime are functional as it reinforces social solidarity and integrates society. Public spheres express some specific types of crimes, demonstrating the ways of victimization. A crowd gives advantage for easy commitment of crime by picking up easily accessed victims. A wide range of crimes are committed every day in the society which needs to be addressed and analysed only then crime rate can be tackled.

According to the NCRB report, the crimes rates like murder, robbery, burglary, theft, and rioting are decreasing whereas rape cases have significantly increased between 1971- 2011. Crimes in public sphere have emerged in digital platform especially in social media. The prevalent crimes committed in the public sphere can be majorly divided into three categories for better understanding, such as, crime against human body, crime against property and others. Abstracts are invited from scholars working on the issues of deviance, disputes, and resolutions.

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