

“The territorialisation of urban spaces in large cities: a North-South Comparison”

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Territorialisation and rescaling of policing in post-apartheid Johannesburg

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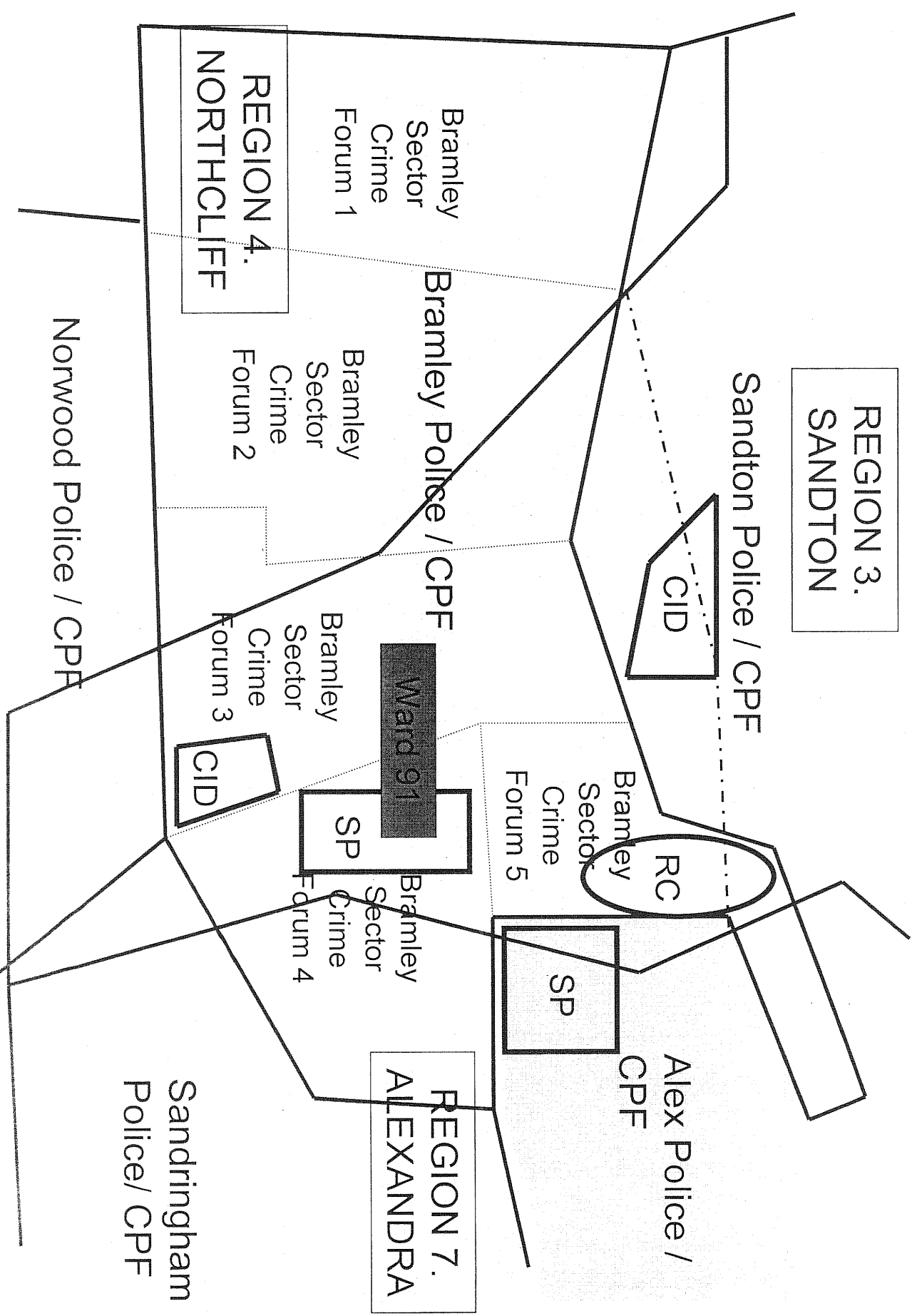
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Key points

- I – Policing Alexandra surroundings – reading power structures through overlapping territories
- II- Building on territorial theories – refining typologies

Superposition of policing territorial boundaries: a challenge for governance



II – Questioning the theoretical framework through Johannesburg case study

- 1) Constructing territories: discussing the typology

Building territories from the top

Police

Metro Council

Institutional logic – building functional and politically legitimate territories (decentralisation, accountability, efficiency)

X

X

Space classification logic – building boundaries that subsume, erase social difference under a common jurisdiction

X?

Regulatory logic – building narrower territories to adapt policies to increasing social differentiation (more important than homogenising and redistributive policies)

X

X

Divide and rule – dividing an homogeneous space into different territories to enhance differentiation

X

