



# Multidimensionale Risks in the XXI Century

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## Topics

**Immigration, security, perception of security, media**

**Where is the line drawn between actual insecurity and the perception of it in a globalized system and multicultural societies? The findings of a study carried on in Terni.**

A community's demand for and perception of security is an issue that, in our globalized system, interacts increasingly with the issue of migratory flows. According to research conducted in Terni's provincial areas, this zone has been characterized by criminal dynamics that have emerged unexpectedly in recent years. Some criminal facts, referred to foreigners have been prominently featured in the media implying an emergency situation. These crimes include prostitution instigation and exploitation, robbery, and drug dealing. While not diminishing the crime committed by foreigners, it is necessary to call for a careful reading of the criminal dynamics, including a look at the administrative crimes for which Italians are convicted and less publicized in the media. Though these types of crimes have the potential to jeopardize the community's administration and economic system, they are generally regarded as less harmful than those committed by foreigners. So, where is the line between actual insecurity and the perception of it? And how much of a negative impact does miscommunication have on society? Furthermore, what are the instruments that could be used to confront the community's threat against foreigners, viewed as adversaries? These are open questions that require an immediate response in order to avoid transforming our society into a society based on the perception of foreigners as enemies.

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