

Spatio-Temporal Aspects of Gated Residential Security Estates in Non-metropolitan Western Cape

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ABSTRACT

Gated developments have long been a subject of research the world over. Most international and South African studies have focused on gated developments within the metropolitan sphere, with very few studies done on non-metropolitan gated developments. This research attempts to address this research gap by focusing on the spatio-temporal aspects of non-metropolitan gated residential security estates in the Western Cape Province. It was found that most non-metropolitan gated residential security estates were located in settlements along the coast and/or in close proximity to the metropolitan area of Cape Town. Furthermore, the first half of the first decade of the twenty first century witnessed the planning authorisation approval of more than two thirds of all non-metropolitan gated residential security estates. While the locational and temporal aspects of non-metropolitan gated residential security estates in the Western Cape Province are discussed in this paper, there remain a number of avenues for further research into the phenomenon of non-metropolitan gated developments.

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