The Promise and Perils of the Sharing Economy: The Impact of Airbnb Lettings on Crime

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**Abstract**

Private short-term letting via platforms such as Airbnb has exploded in the last decade, yet little is known about the repercussions for neighborhood cohesion or crime rates. In this paper, we estimate the effect of Airbnb short-term letting activity in London on a variety of crime types as well as intervening mechanisms.