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I am the typical product of a public education in urban studies: scientific, pragmatic, and interdisciplinary. I was born in Spain and grew up in Mexico City. About the same time I lost religion, I found an interest in cities and social problems. After completing a masters degree in urban studies at El Colegio de México, I went on to receive my Ph.D. in urban studies from Portland State University in 2002, writing a dissertation on the spatial diffusion of democracy in urban Mexico. My current research examines the spatial and temporal elements of crime and fear of crime. There are two (quite entangled) intellectual interests that direct my research agenda: How does place matter and “when” does time matter with respect to criminal behavior? Solving these issues require spatiotemporal theorizing and methods, issues to which I have devoted most of my career. I am professor of research methods at the Center for Economic Research and Education (CIDE) in Mexico City.