

## Preface and acknowledgements

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- Desk research, reviewing the local and international literature on drugs and drug use, including materials used in the training of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in the United States.
- The author's own fieldwork, as summarised in *Rainbow Vice: The Drugs and Sex Industries in the New South Africa* (2001, David Phillip Publishers).
- The MRC/ISS 3 Metros Study, which involved testing for drugs the urine samples of arrestees in Durban, Cape Town, and Johannesburg, as summarised in Leggett, T (ed) *Drugs and Crime: A Study in Three Cities* (2002, Institute for Security Studies).
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