HSPS Tripos, Part IIB

CRIM5

Social Networks and Crime

Global perspectives on social order, violence and organised crime

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Course structure: The course will be taught in 16 two-hour lectures (Michaelmas Term and Lent Term) plus one two-hour revision lecture in Easter Term.

Time: Tuesdays, 9-11
Venue: Room 1.8, First Floor, Institute of Criminology, Sidgwick Site

Aims and content:

This course offers an analytical exploration of social order, violence and organised forms of criminality. Particular emphasis will be placed on the mechanisms underpinning such phenomena. The course adopts a comparative approach to tease out similarities – and differences – between phenomena observed in different locales across the world and/or at different points in time.

The course begins in Michaelmas Term by discussing the problem of social order. Next, it looks at violence in a series of seminars devoted to the study of long-term trends in violence, global patterns of violence in contemporary societies and the relationship between social inequality and violence. The course then discusses issues related to governance and order supplied in different settings (e.g. prisons) and by different actors (e.g., vigilante groups and organised crime groups). In Lent Term, the course focuses on specific forms of organised crime: drugs production and trafficking; cybercrime; human trafficking; migrant smuggling; gangs and Mafias. The course is multidisciplinary and draws on concepts from sociology, law, criminology, history, industrial economics, political economy and political theory.
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_Paper structure and reading list_

**Michaelmas Term**

Lecture 1. Tuesday 15 October

**Introduction: social order and conflict (PC)**

**Required reading:**

Eisner M., Murraj A. L., Ribeaud D., Averdijk M and van Gelder J-L. “From the Savannah to the Magistrate’s Court”. In Jann B. and Przepiorka W. (eds), _Social dilemmas, institutions, and the evolution of cooperation_, Berlin and Boston: de Gruyter, pp. 61-83.

**Further reading**


PART I. Social structure and Violence

Lecture 2. Tuesday 22 October

Long-term trends in violence: state-building and the civilising process (MPE)

Required reading:


Further reading:


Lecture 3. Tuesday 29 October

Global patterns of violence in the modern world (MPE)

Required reading:


Further reading


Lecture 4. November 5

Social inequality, injustice and violence (MPE)

Required reading:

Further reading
PART II. States and Governance

Lecture 5. November 12
Violence as an economic activity (PC)

Required reading

Further reading

Lecture 6. November 19
Social order in prisons (AI)

Required reading
Further reading

Lecture 7. November 26
State (II)Legitimacy, Police Violence, and Vigilante Groups (JT)

Required Reading

Further Reading


December 3. Lecture 8.

**Illegal governance and organised crime (PC)**

*Required reading*


*Further reading*


Klaus Von Lampe’s website on organized crime includes some 180 definitions of organized crime from around the world:

http://www.organized-crime.de/organizedcrimedefinitions.htm

Lent Term

PART III. Organised forms of criminality

Drug production and trafficking (PC)

Required reading:


Further reading:


Cybercrime (VH)

Required reading:


Further reading:


**Human trafficking (PC)**

*Required reading:*


*Further reading:*

Cockbain, E., Bowers, K. and Dimitrova, G., 2018. Human trafficking for labour exploitation: the results of a two-phase systematic review mapping the European evidence


February 4. Lecture 12.

**Migrant smuggling (PC)**

Required reading:


Further reading:


Required reading:


Further reading:


**Mafias II: Movement and Decline (PC)**

**Required reading:**


**Further reading:**


February 25. Lecture 15.

Gangs I: early works and definitional issues (PC)

*Required reading:*


*Further reading:*


A collection of a number of case studies from across the world can be found in:


March 3. No lecture.

March 10. Lecture 16.  
**Gangs II: Gang membership, violence and policy interventions (PC)**

*Required reading:*


*Further reading:*


