



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

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Organised, Corrupt & State-Capturing



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INTRODUCTION

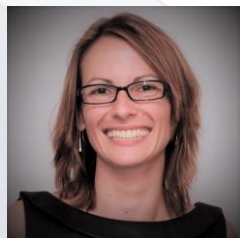
■ PANEL & TOPIC INTRO

- co-organised by GI & BC → synergy of several OC research projects

■ SPEAKER INTRO & PANEL ORGANISATION

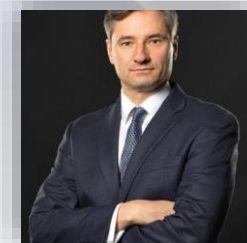
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OC & Criminal State Capture – Connecting the Dots
Between News Headlines, Indictments and Research



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Hotspots of Organized Crime in the WB



■ Sunčana Roksandić

Corruption and Anti-Corruption in the WB



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Main Challenges of Organized
Crime and Corruption in the WB





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OC RESEARCH

■ OC RESEARCH – THE CHALLENGES

- special problem: OC definition/construction (mafia, untouchables, criminals)
- general problem: ‘**dark figure**’ of crime and ‘**construction**’ of crime
- special problem: **OC ‘dark figure’** (illegal markets & transaction crime)
- general problem: official **crime statistics methodology**
- special problem: **OC statistics** methodology and comparability

■ SOLUTION

- combining findings from different sources & using wide range of approaches and methodologies → **CONNECTING THE DOTS**
- main sources: scientific research, investigative journalistic reports, criminal investigations (ongoing/finalized), NGO reports





CONNECTING DOTS

■ THE CHALLENGES

- different (operational) goals of different players
 - researchers – producing new knowledge & publishing
 - investigative journalists – revealing injustices/crime & publishing ‘news’
 - criminal justice/prosecution – building a case & getting convictions
 - NGO activists – build up awareness/critical mass for societal change & justification of funds
- these goals impact the players’ resources, methodology, reliability and validity of data, as well as the paste in which these are publicly available
- ‘speed’ of data availability is commonly worst when it comes to scientific research and criminal justice, best with news and NGOs

■ SOLUTION

- despite highly different (operational) goals, all players (should) have a common overall interest in understanding and reducing OC
- how can we connect the dots between these players and their outputs?



CONNECTING DOTS

■ **CREATING SYNERIES**

- availability of data & resources
- avoid duplication & coordinate projects more meaningfully
- detecting & differentiating between ordinary criminals working in groups, OC networks, untouchables and criminal state capture

■ **CREATING CROSS-SECTIONAL NETWORKS**

- informal regional/national/local permanent/ad hoc networks involving all players → fast data circulation & quick detection of new phenomena/trends/routes
- example of good practice: Europol platform for experts

■ **BUILDING TRUST**

- suspicion & skepticism towards and between the different players due to conflicting (operational) goals



SYNERGIES & TRUST

■ ~~CONCLUSION~~ EXAMPLES

- Europol platform for experts ([EPE](#))
- [Global Initiative](#) against Transnational Organized Crime & [Resilience Fund](#) ([organised crime index](#))
- Balkan Criminology [Network](#)
- Hotspots of OC in WB [reports](#)
- Wilton Park Regional Conference (and its [Report](#))
- [GI/RF & BC Course](#) on Organised Crime & Criminal State Capture (Connecting the Dots)
- **TASKS AHEAD** → bringing it all together!!!



Thank you for
your attention!



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