

Biographies

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Her forthcoming book Shooting Up: Illicit Economies and Military Conflict, analyzes the relationship between military conflict and illicit economies, such as the production and trafficking of narcotics. With key implications for counterinsurgency strategies, her work challenges the conventional narcoguerrilla theory and shows that belligerent groups' exploitation of illicit economies increases not only their financial resources, but also their political capital from local populations. She has been exploring these dynamics in the cases of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Columbia, Peru- countries in which she has carried out fieldwork and also in the cases of India, Turkey, and Northern Ireland. The project has been supported by several grants. Her doctoral dissertation on illicit economies and military conflict received the APSA 2007 Harold D. Laswell Award for the best dissertation in the field of public policy.

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Dr. Louise Shelley joined the School of Public Policy in August 2007. Previously, she was a Professor in the School of International Service and also in the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University. Dr. Shelley is the founder and Director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) that moved with her from American University. Her expertise in transnational crime and corruption includes money laundering and illicit financial flows, human smuggling and trafficking, national security issues.

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