

Panelist Biographies

Derin Akdeniz

Derin Akdeniz is a Police Major working for the Turkish National Police Force. He has started his professional career as a law enforcement officer in the Bursa Police Department in 1996. He was subsequently deployed to the IT and Crime Analysis Unit, where he took place in a team, which conducted the first GIS based crime analysis project (BEMTAP Project) in Turkey. He served in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) for one year in 2003. He has several awards given by both TNP and UNMIK.

He received his first master's degree from Uludag University MBA Program, where wrote a thesis on individual police performance systems. He also has another master's degree from Rutgers University, Division of Global Affairs, where he is currently a PhD Candidate. He has edited two books; "*Computer Crimes* and *Turkish Criminal Code* (in Turkish) and *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*"(in English). He has also written many articles published in various journals and presented at many symposia in the fields of crime analysis and police administration.

Jana Arsovska

Jana Arsovska, a native of Macedonia, recently joined the Sociology Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York as an assistant professor. Dr. Arsovska holds a PhD degree in Criminology from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium where she studied the role of cultural codes in the evolution of ethnic Albanian organized crime groups. Dr. Arsovska has acted as a consultant for several organizations, including the World Bank. Prior to her current post, she worked for the European Forum for Restorative Justice and the Euro-Atlantic Council of Macedonia and trained at INTERPOL. Dr. Arsovska is a member of the Executive Committee of the Standing Group on Organized Crime and co-editor of the SGOC Newsletter. She has published extensively on Balkan organized crime, human trafficking and ethnic conflicts. Currently, she is working on her new book 'Decoding Ethnic Albanian Organized Crime'.

Serdar Bayraktutan

Serdar Bayraktutan serves as Superintendent of the Anti-Terrorism Division of the Istanbul Police Directorate. He has 13 years experience in combating terrorism. He interviewed over 2000 terrorist group members and their families. He has developed "Approaching Terror Criminals" program and has been used in in-service trainings and seminars which have reached over 10.000 people. He holds an M.A degree in International Relations from Beykent University. He published a book *Suicide Bomber's Return – Mom! I'm home*, related to people who were recruited and later left terrorist organizations.

Mahmut Cengiz

Mahmut Cengiz is a Major in the Turkish National Police where he has received many service awards. He previously served at the Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Department for twelve years. There, he worked on mafia-type organized crime, nuclear smuggling, arms smuggling, as well as helped establish the Turkish Witness Protection and Undercover Unit. From 1998-2003, he served as Chief, Organized Crime Section, Nuclear Materials Smuggling. He also served in the Kosovo Peacekeeping Mission for one year.

Currently, he is a PhD student at George Mason University's School of Public Policy. He holds two master's degrees, one from Kirikkale University and another from the School of International Service at American University. He received his PhD in Sociology from Ankara University. His Turkish dissertation was titled, *How Corruption Becomes Entrenched in the Public Bureaucracy*. He has conducted extensive research on organized crime and corruption in Turkey and has authored two books: *Turkish Organized*

Crime Groups and How the Mafia is Explained by Conflict Theory.” He has several published articles on organized crime and corruption.

Behsat Ekici

Mr. Ekici is a Chief Inspector at the Department of Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime (KOM). Mr. Ekici taught at various UNODC and NATO programs. He gave lectures in the “International Terrorism and Organized Crime Lecture Series” organized jointly by NATO and Turkish Armed Forces in 8 PfP countries (Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine). In 2004, he gave lectures in the “Border Security Lecture Series” which took place in 6 PfP countries (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Romania, Macedonia and Albania). He was awarded two teaching excellence awards by the Turkish Armed Forces and NATO for outstanding performance in both seminar series. He had also been a part-time lecturer at the TADOC academy in Ankara. Mr. Ekici has many professional performance awards from the KOM.

He is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate school of Public and International Affairs, where he also works at the Mark Ridgway Security Center as a research fellow.

Mark Galeotti

Mark Galeotti, MA PhD, is the Academic Chair of New York University’s Center for Global Affairs.

He read history at Robinson College, Cambridge University and then took his doctorate in politics at the London School of Economics, after a brief time working in the City of London. From 1991-2008, he was based at Keele University in the UK, where he became Head of History and founder and Director of the Organised Russian & Eurasian Crime Research Unit (ORECRU). He was seconded in an advisory role to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, 1996-97, where he covered post-Soviet organised crime, the security and intelligence services and Russian foreign and security policy. He was Visiting Professor of Public Security at the School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers—Newark, USA, 2005-6 and a fellow of Oxford University’s Extra-Legal Governance Institute in 2007.

He has published widely, with 12 authored and edited books to his name (most recently, the edited volume *The Politics of Security in Modern Russia*, Ashgate, 2010) and numerous articles in the academic, professional and popular press, including a monthly column on post-Soviet affairs in *Jane’s Intelligence Review* 1991-2006. He is the Founding Editor of the journal *Global Crime* and was the European Editor of *Low-Intensity Conflict & Law Enforcement* until 2005, as well as being an Editorial Consultant to *Jane’s Intelligence Review*.

He also has widespread consultancy experience, with clients ranging from governments and law-enforcement agencies (including the British National Criminal Intelligence Service, the FBI and Interpol) through to commercial clients. He has testified before the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee and briefed officials from numerous British and foreign government departments.

Nadir Gergin

Nadir Gergin is a Turkish National Police Major and has previously worked as an intelligence officer on counterterrorism issues in the Istanbul and Diyarbakir offices of the Intelligence Department (IDB) of Turkish National Police. He has also worked at the Central Intelligence Unit (CIU) of the United Nations mission in Kosovo in 2003.

He has a master’s degree in public administration (MPA) from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and is currently a PhD candidate in the Public Policy and Administration program at VCU. His dissertation title is “*The Nexus between the Ballot and Bullet: Popular Support for the PKK and Election Violence in Turkey*”. His research interests are insurgencies and terrorism, counterterrorism & counterinsurgency policies, election terrorism and counterterrorism intelligence.

He has presented his studies in several conferences and written a chapter entitled "Turkey's Counter Terrorism Policies against the PKK: The "Fish" or the "Water"?" for NATO Science for Peace and Security Series - E: Human and Societal Dynamics Volume 55, 2009 Building Terrorism Resistant Communities - Together Against Terrorism.

Sharon Melzer

Sharon Melzer is a doctoral candidate and member of the adjunct faculty of the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University. Her dissertation, *Trafficking in Counterfeit and Contraband Cigarettes: Illicit Organizations, Criminal Opportunities, and Governance* is a quantitative and qualitative analysis of cigarette smuggling. The dissertation contains a cross-sectional, international analysis as well as an in-depth case study of Turkey's illicit cigarette trade. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science in Criminology from Florida State University.

Ms. Melzer's research interests include transnational crime, organized crime, white collar and corporate crime, the crime-terror nexus, terrorism, and sentencing. While at American University, she has published her research, presented her research at numerous national and international conferences, and received several awards, including a research fellowship from The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC); the School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level; a University Dissertation Fellowship; and won the ACJS (Academy of Criminal Justice Science) Student Paper Competition. An upcoming CNBC documentary will highlight research she did on contraband and counterfeit cigarette smuggling, terrorist financing, and the crime-terror nexus. Additionally, she has taught courses on organized crime, human trafficking, criminological theory, research methods, and on counter-terrorism policy.

Ravshanbek Nazarov

In May 2009, Mr. Ravshanbek Nazarov was named the Deputy Director of Enforcement Operations of the Presidential Drug Control Agency in Tajikistan. As such, he is tasked with managing investigative and operational aspects of drug trafficking cases, including identification of these crimes and sting operations.

Mr. Nazarov holds a degree in law from the Tax and Law Institute and held previous positions as an inspector in the Tax and Revenue Committee of Tajikistan and in private commerce.

Ozcan Ozkan

Ozcan Ozkan is a Lieutenant in the Turkish National Police (TNP). He received his B.A. in philology. He studied Arabic Language and Literature, Persian, and Hebrew at Ankara University, Department of Eastern Languages and Literature. He began his professional career in the Intelligence Department of the TNP in 2003. He worked there for five years as an assistant secretary to the Director of the Intelligence Department. In 2008, he went to the United States for graduate study at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Currently, he is pursuing his graduate study in the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers-Newark, he has specialized in global governance, political violence, terrorism and global security. He is now writing his thesis on the *Role of Intelligence in Mass Casualty Attacks Perpetrated by Non-State Actors* with a special reference to the 2001 in New York, 2003 in Istanbul, and the subway bombings in London in 2005.

M.Murat Ozer

M.Murat Ozer is currently a PhD candidate in the School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati. Before his PhD program, he worked at the anti-terrorism department of the Turkish National Police for 9

years. His main expertise is Marxist-Leninist terrorist organizations. He published a variety of articles on terrorism including such topics as the fear of terrorism in Turkey, the impact of group dynamics on terrorism, Kurdish opposition in Turkey, and the media and the PKK. He is currently working closely with the Cincinnati Police Department on a well known project, "Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV)." For his contribution to the CIRV, he was recognized with the Best Citizen award of the Cincinnati Police Department in 2008. He is also actively engaged in the project of John Jay College's Safe Neighbourhood Project which mainly aims to reduce violence across the Cities of U.S. Murat Ozer will shortly complete his PhD dissertation entitled "Assessing the impact of Automatic License Plate Reader technology on policing within the context of intelligence-led policing and crime prevention theory."

Mitchel P. Roth

Dr. Mitchel P. Roth is Professor of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has published a number of book chapters and articles, including several on the PKK and its criminal dimensions. He is the author of 12 books including *Crime and Punishment: A History of the Criminal Justice System* (Cengage, 2005; 2010), *Prisons and Prison Systems: A Global Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press, 2006), *Organized Crime* (Pearson 2009)

His forthcoming book *Global Organized Crime: A Reference Handbook* (ABC-CLIO, May 2010) examines global organized crime dating back to the 17th century. The book makes connections between organized crime activities and failed states, civil wars, political transitions, regional conflicts and terrorist groups while exploring the continuum of international organized crime ranging from the end of the Cold War, immigration, and the global drug trade, to weapons sales, human smuggling, the convergence of funding sources and the effects of technology.

Roth has lectured on and researched criminological issues in Cuba, China, Italy, and England over the past decade. More recently, Roth taught the Organized Crime module at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Roswell, NM (2001-2009), was a Freedom for Defense of Democracy (FDD) Fellow studying counter-terrorism in Israel (2008), and was an invited presenter at the 1st International Symposium on Terrorism and Transnational Crime in Antalya, Turkey (2009).

Louise Shelley

Louise Shelley is a Professor in the School of Public Policy and founder and Director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC). She is the recipient of Guggenheim, NEH, IREX, Kennan Institute, and Fulbright Fellowships and received a MacArthur Grant to establish the Russian Organized Crime Study Centers. Dr. Shelley is the author and editor of many books, articles and book chapters on all aspects of transnational crime and corruption including nuclear smuggling, human trafficking, diverse forms of illicit trade, money laundering and illicit financial flows and the relationship between crime and terrorism. Her book *Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective* will be published by Cambridge University Press in August. .

Since 1995, Dr. Shelley has run research programs in Russia with leading specialists on the problems of organized crime and corruption and has previously led comparable programs in Ukraine and Georgia. She has testified before the House Committee on International Relations Committee, the Helsinki Commission, the House Banking Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on transnational crime, human trafficking and the links between transnational crime, financial crime and terrorism. She is on the Global Agenda Council on Illicit Trade of the World Economic Forum. She has appeared on radio and television and spoken at many international forums, and universities both in the United States and abroad on terrorism, transnational crime and corruption. Dr. Shelley received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University. She holds an M.A. in Criminology from the University of

Pennsylvania. She studied at the Law Faculty of Moscow State University on IREX and Fulbright Fellowships and holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Sally Stoecker

Sally Stoecker is consultant to the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University. Dr. Stoecker works with TraCCC on its environmental crime and organized crime projects. She has served as research professor and consultant to American University's Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, lead assessor and writer at Shared Hope International, and development associate at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of DC. Sally directed two major grants to develop and conduct human trafficking curricula and law enforcement training for 40 Russian, Moldovan, and Georgian investigators and prosecutors in Budapest, Hungary, in 2001. With Louise Shelley, Sally co-edited the book "Human Traffic and Transnational Crime: Eurasian and American Perspectives," published in 2004 and in 2005 she co-authored "Russia's Abandoned Children: An Intimate Understanding" with Clementine Fujimura. While at Shared Hope International, Sally researched and drafted the report *Demand*, based on excellent field data that analyzes the commercial sex trade in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States.

Sally Stoecker has published numerous articles and addressed many audiences on human trafficking and Russian politics, including her dissertation: *Forging Stalin's Army: Marshal Tukhachevsky and the politics of military innovation*. Sally received her doctorate from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University in 1995 and worked as a research associate on Soviet military strategy at the RAND Corporation from 1981 to 1993.

Mirzoumar Umarov

Since May 2009, Mr. Mirzoumar Umarov has held the position of senior officer in the Department to Combat Organized Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan, the country's national law enforcement agency. From September 2000 until May 2007, he served as Chief of the Anti-Drug Trafficking Department of Khujand City in Tajikistan's northern province of Sugd, near its border with Uzbekistan.

Since February 2002 Mr. Umarov has volunteered as a consultant on preventing drug use among teens for a Tajikistan-based NGO. In this capacity, he also coaches sports teams comprised of vulnerable youth as a means of preventing drug abuse.

Mr. Umarov holds a law degree from the Ufa Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation.