



# TraCCC

## Newsletter

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Please learn more about our diverse activities, Louise Shelley, TraCCC Director

### *TraCCC Students and Scholars*

**Visiting Fulbright Scholar Nikolay Naydenov**, associate professor of politics at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski,” Bulgaria. Dr. Naydenov has joined TraCCC and is in residence until early February. He will be studying responses to corruption in Bulgaria and the United States. His expertise is in the field of corruption research, non-public political moves, public sphere theory and political anthropology.

Dr. Naydenov received his undergraduate/master’s degree from Sofia University in Sociology. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Sociology and a Doctor Habil in Political Science from the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. He has previously held numerous academic scholarships and grants including a Visiting Scholarship at Rome University ‘La Sapienza,’ a Research Grant from the Open Society, Prague, and a Visiting Scholarship at Christ Church (Oxford University)..

He is the author of *Publics and Politics: Introduction to Political Anthropology of Modernity* (2008), *Anthropology of Patriarchal Language* (2001) and *Feudalism and Patriarchy* (1993), all of them published by Sofia University Press. He is the founder and a member of the Governing Council of the Institute for Public Environment Development (IPED) in Sofia, and a member of the Governing Council of the Bulgarian journal *Political Studies*.

Since 1989, Dr. Naydenov has been the leading investigator of a large-scale project on Bulgarian Street Democracy, which resulted in his concepts on the Genealogy of the Public Forum and the Genealogy of Public Representatives. He appears frequently on the Bulgarian media addressing corruption in Bulgaria.

### **Sally Stoecker, TraCCC Consultant**

Sally Stoecker has returned to TraCCC after a hiatus of several years to work with our Russian organized crime study centers.. While previously at TraCCC, she managed projects and conducted research on human trafficking and child exploitation. These included 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 Perspective* published in 2004. In 2005 she co-authored *Russia’s Abandoned Children: An Intimate Understanding* with Clementine Fujimura. She subsequently worked at Shared Hope International, where she researched and drafted the report *Demand*, based on field data collected on the commercial sex trade in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States. She also served as a development associate at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of DC.



***Nazia Hussain, PhD Student***

During the summer, Nazia started blogging for Policynet- a project of The Centre for International Governance Innovation, based in Waterloo, Canada, on issues in security and development (<http://www.policy-net.org/blogs/halfemptyh>). She is co-authoring a paper with Dr. Louise Shelley on narco-trafficking in Afghanistan-Pakistan and its implications for national security for the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR).



***Bilal Wahab, PhD Student***

Bilal is working with the Institutional Integrity Vice-Presidency, which is the World Bank's and World Bank projects' watchdog. He assists with corruption investigations in developing countries. He finds it to be a learning experience in terms of policy and forensic anti-corruption, realizing there is an education process going on for local companies in developing countries who often find themselves helpless. He states, "The World Bank's hotline numbers and emails often lead to investigations that empower the local companies as well as beneficiaries to tell on the wrong doing they see. I am pleased to see some of this working. In a way, this is aspired to also create demand for more transparency and accountability on the recipient governments' side."

***Mahmut Cengiz, PhD Student***

Mahmut spent this summer studying the globalization of Turkish organized crime especially the activities of Turkish organized crime in Western European. He interviewed foreign police liaison officers in Turkey to learn more of their efforts to understand and develop counter-measures to combat Turkish organized crime group. He also studied cigarette smuggling routes passing through Turkey by examining the data recorded by police units in Western European countries, and statements made by former smugglers. His analysis of drug smuggling indicates that the yearly revenue of Turkish organized crime from heroin trafficking is over \$1.5 billion and represents at least 80 percent of heroin trafficking in Europe.



***Kelsey Willingham, MA Student***

Kelsey spent two months abroad in Georgia as part of a brand-new partnership between George Mason's TraCCC and World Vision International. She stated it was an amazing opportunity because it was my first time designing my own research project and methodology as well as conducting field research. She studied the population of internally displaced people (IDPs) uprooted by the conflict between Georgia and Russian in August 2008. The goal of the project was to determine whether or not Georgia's IDPs are more vulnerable to human trafficking than the population at large, based on socioeconomic and other risk factors. Currently she is completing her report for World Vision on her research. She will present her research results at Oxford University in September at a conference entitled, "Protecting People in Conflict and Crisis."



***Andy Guth, MA Student***

This summer Andy worked at TraCCC studying corruption in order to better recognize its causes, significance, and impact on different societies, countries, and regions of the world. He analyzed anticorruption theories and investigated case studies concerning the effectiveness of past anticorruption programs. His current research, combined with his field research while with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, has helped him develop an anticorruption framework that he will continue to expand.

## *TraCCC Books*

### *Newest Addition to TraCCC's Routledge Book Series!*

***Irregular Migration from the Former Soviet Union to the United States. By Saltanat Liebert. August 2009***

In recent years immigration has become a topic of heated debate in many Western countries: the estimated number of undocumented immigrants in the United States has reached 11 million, precipitating a new legislative focus on reforming the immigration system, culminating in the highly controversial Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act passed by the House of Representatives in 2005 but eventually "killed" in the Senate. This book examines all these issues, discussing the reasons for migration, the profile of the migrants, how the process of migration works and how the migrants obtain their U.S. visas, where they work once in the United States and their intentions with regards to their possible return home. This book explores the reality of post-Soviet migration where the mostly well-educated former professionals end up in low-wage unskilled jobs as domestic workers, child care givers, and construction workers, sometimes in exploitative labor situations. Overall, this book provides a detailed account of post-Soviet illegal migration to the United States, focusing in particular on Central Asian and Georgian migrants, and will be of interest to scholars of US politics as well as Russia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus specialists.

**To purchase this book, go to:**

**<http://www.routledge.com/books/Irregular-Migration-from-the-Former-Soviet-Union-to-the-United-States-isbn9780415776929>**

## *Fall Course on Illicit Trade*

A new course is being taught by Dr. Louise Shelley on illicit trade which will support the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum on illicit trade. Illicit trade, as this course shows, is not always distinct but often converges with licit trade. The class examines the rise of the phenomenon, the role of conflicts in illicit trade and the actors who facilitate this trade, and the policies that are needed to address it.

**For further information on this course along with other courses offered, please go to:  
<http://policy-tracc.gmu.edu/academics/academics.shtml>**

## *Past Events*

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**- TraCCC hosted "An Anti-Corruption Exchange" with a small group of officials from Southern Sudan tasked by GOSS with the establishment of southern Sudan's first anti-corruption body and legislative framework. Approximately 30 people attended who participated in a lively and informed discussion with the panelists.

## *Upcoming Events*

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** - ***US Policy on Transnational Crime Conference*** will have panels titled:  
Drug Trafficking, Mexico, and US Policy  
Human Smuggling and Trafficking  
Why Countering Counterfeiting and Diversion Deserve More Policy Attention  
Countering Transnational Crime

**October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** – ***TraCCC and DTRA will hold a Conference on Crime Networks***  
*(Program still to come)*

***October 21st: Following the Drug Route Out of Pakistan/Afghanistan***, TraCCC's scholars from countries all along the drug route will comment on the conditions that facilitate the trade from the point of origin to Western European Markets

**Week of October 25<sup>th</sup>** Public Program with Ukrainian Open World Delegation on human trafficking and assistance in Ukraine

## ***Open World Program***

Since 2002, TraCCC has been hosting delegations of emerging leaders from Eurasia under the terms of its grant from the Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress. In 2009, TraCCC will welcome its 21st, 22nd and 23rd Open World Leadership Program delegations from Russia and its first-ever delegation from Ukraine, all on the broad theme of "Combating Human Trafficking and Assisting its Victims".  
**(October 23-31<sup>st</sup>)**

The delegates are decision-makers with diverse professional backgrounds, and include local and Federal government officials in the spheres of social service provision, migration and refugee assistance, and child welfare; law enforcement practitioners and educators; public prosecutors; representatives of NGOs that assist victims of human trafficking and child exploitation; journalists; and activists for social welfare.

While in the greater Washington, DC area for their TraCCC Open World Leadership Program, delegates meet with their U.S counterparts and share best practices in preventing, investigating and prosecuting human trafficking and child exploitation crimes, as well as victims' assistance practices and protocols. TraCCC's eight-day program includes meetings with law enforcement officers, government officials, NGO leaders, policymakers and legislators who play a role in improving the U.S. response to its human trafficking and child exploitation problems.

TraCCC's Open World Leadership Program has garnered significant results for both American and Russian professionals, including the creation and implementation of the first-ever comprehensive anti-trafficking curriculum for Russian law enforcement practitioners and cadets, reciprocal visits by U.S. law enforcement and NGO professionals to meet with their counterparts in Russia and share best practices, and the initiation of trainings on U.S. anti-trafficking practices and protocols in more than ten institutes of higher learning in six cities across the Russian Federation.

## ***Russian Centers***

TraCCC continues its 14<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration with scholars in Russia on organized crime and corruption. It supports centers in four Russian cities-- Chelyabinsk, Saratov and Stavropol and Vladivostok.

### ***Chelyabinsk Center***

TraCCC's Chelyabinsk Center, located in Russia's Ural Mountains region, has made significant progress recently in assisting Federal and regional policymakers, legislators and law enforcement to identify and understand Russia's organized crime and corruption problems.

Chelyabinsk Center personnel have become expert in the relationship between organized crime, corruption and economic/business development, and as such have been invited by the Duma Security Committee and the Russian Federal Chamber of Trade and Commerce to participate in discussions devoted to these issues.

The Center has also contributed significantly to Russian research on the relationship of the mass media to Russia's efforts to control organized crime and corruption, and held both a public event and training for Urals regional police on this issue in spring 2009.

**Chelyabinsk Center Website: <http://cheltracc.susu.ac.ru/>**

### ***Vladivostok Center***

TraCCC's Vladivostok Center, founded in 1997, excels in 1) directly impacting Federal and local legislative and policy initiatives; 2) conducting original research on organized crime and corruption in the Russian Far East; and 3) disseminating research and other information on organized crime and corruption in the Russian Far East through its website, which boasts an annual readership of **roughly 1 million**.

TraCCC's Vladivostok Center's impact on Federal policy initiatives and protocols has recently increased dramatically with the appointment of the Center director to the President's Interagency Working Group on Corruption and as a leader of an anti-corruption monitoring group under the President's Far East Federal Inspectorate. Vladivostok Center personnel are regularly interviewed by international, national and local journalists on the state of organized crime and corruption in the Russian Far East, a region notorious for its criminal activity and high-level corruption. Recent interviews have been with the BBC, Le Monde, Rossiskaya gazeta and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

**Vladivostok Center Website: <http://www.crime.vl.ru>**

### ***Stavropol Center***

TraCCC's Stavropol Center for the Study of Organized Crime and Corruption, founded in October 2008, is housed within the Stavropol Branch of the Krasnodar MVD University, where the majority of law enforcement officers in Russia's turbulent North Caucasus region receive their education and continuing education.

TraCCC's Stavropol Center introduced Russia's first-ever comprehensive law enforcement training curriculum on identifying and investigating human trafficking crimes, which was formulated using original research into Russian human trafficking case studies, legislation and policies. The course has been taught to students at the Stavropol MVD University branch as well as police from the Southern Russia region, and plans are underway to introduce the course as a core part of the training curriculum at all law enforcement training institutions nationwide. One major case with many defendants was successfully prosecuted in mid-2009 as a result of this training.

The Stavropol Center has also conducted original research into problems of corruption within Russian law enforcement agencies, current Russian anti-corruption policy, the threat of criminal activity in the consumer market, and the links among corruption, organized crime and the current financial crisis. Results of the research into each of these topics have been introduced into current police training materials in Southern Russia and/or formally publicized at public events for police, policymakers, legislators, public prosecutors, judges, NGO representatives and the media.

**Stavropol Center Website: <http://cspkitracc.estav.ru/>**

### ***Saratov Center***

TraCCC's Saratov Center for the Study of Organized Crime and Corruption, founded in January 2003, is housed within the prestigious Saratov State Academy of Law in Russia's Volga region. In addition to their contributions of original in-depth research into issues of organized crime and corruption, Saratov Center personnel work on the following TraCCC-supported activities:

- \* manage three very successful nationwide grants competitions
- \*advise policymakers, legislators and law enforcement practitioners on ways to improve Russia's response to its organized crime and corruption problems
- \* host a popular summer school, public events and trainings on emerging priority issues of organized crime and corruption, and
- \* sustain a regional working group on these issues comprised of regional policymakers, legislators, law enforcement leaders, legal scholars, public prosecutors and business leaders.

**Saratov Center Website: <http://sartracc.sgap.ru>**

