

The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) studies all forms of terrorism, transnational crime and corruption, focusing on the political, societal and economic conditions which contribute to the spread of these phenomena, as well as methods used by criminals and terrorists to execute their crimes. TraCCC recognizes the formidable challenges which terrorism, transnational crime and corruption pose to economic development, democratization, national and international security, environment, and human rights. TraCCC seeks to inform the international community through path-breaking research and analyses of these phenomena.

WHAT'S TraCCC'S FUTURE?

- Move from description of the problem to identifying successful mitigating strategies pursued especially in Europe, Asia and the Middle East
- Expand work on human smuggling and trafficking of adults and children, in particular the role of money laundering in human trafficking
- Focus on open source analysis
- Provide TraCCC perspectives on implementing the US national strategy on transnational crime:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/nsc/transnational-crime>
- Expand research on changing patterns of illicit trade in counterfeit goods and environmentally sensitive resources and connections to organized crime.
- Develop educational methodologies to advance understanding of organized crime and corruption
- Develop analytical and collection methodologies for exploring how transnational criminals and terrorists use social networking

PUBLICATIONS

TraCCC scholars have produced publications in 15 languages, including over 40 books and 300 articles.

TraCCC Book Series with Routledge Publishers
http://www.routledge.com/books/series/Routledge_Transnational_Crime_and_Corruption_includes:

Corruption and The Russian Economy: How Administrative Corruption Undermines Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunities by Yulia Krylova

Disengaging from Terrorism – Lessons from the Turkish Penitents by Kamil Yılmaz, 2014

Environmental Crime and Corruption in Russia: Federal and Regional Perspectives, edited by Sally Stoecker and Ramziyá Shakirova, 2013

Labour Migration, Human Trafficking and Multinational Corporations Edited by Ato Quayson and Antonela Arhin. 2012

Human Security, Transnational Crime, and Human Trafficking Edited by Shiro Okubo and Louise Shelley. 2011

Irregular Migration from the Former Soviet Union to the United States by Saltanat Liebert. 2009

Human Trafficking and Human Security Edited by Anna Jonsson. 2008

Russia's Battle with Crime, Corruption and Terrorism Edited by Robert Ortung, Anthony Latta. 2008

Organized Crime and Corruption in Georgia Edited by Louise Shelley, Erik R. Scott, Anthony Latta. 2007



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MISSION STATEMENT

TraCCC's mission is to be the premiere academic center in the United States relating to terrorism, transnational crime, and corruption.

- TraCCC methodology uses multidisciplinary approaches and international collaboration to accomplish this mission through the following programs
 - Education
 - Research
 - Training, and
 - Developing policy recommendations
- TraCCC's focus is on the combined impact of terrorism, transnational crime and corruption as it influences 21st Century national security environment in the U.S. and abroad.

WHO WE ARE

- TraCCC was established in 1998 by Dr Louise Shelley
- TraCCC now operates under the auspices of George Mason University within the School of Public Policy
 - It is supported through grants from the US Government and private donors.
 - It has a small staff plus masters and doctoral students in Arlington, VA.

HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL

Dr. Louise Shelley, Founder and Director; University Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government

Judith Deane, Deputy Director

Kasey Kinnard, Grant Administrator and Outreach Coordinator

Dr. Sharon Melzer, Fellow, Illicit Trade

Dr. Mahmut Cengiz, Visiting Scholar

PROGRAM AREAS

Education

- TraCCC engages a multinational student body participating in master's and doctoral programs at George Mason University
- Students have two TraCCC opportunities
 - Electing courses in the Global Governance track of the International Commerce and Policy program, or
 - Pursue a Substantive Policy emphasis in Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption through the Master in Public Policy program.

Research Areas

- Environmental Crime
- Links between Crime and Terrorism
- Illicit Trade
- Money Laundering and International Commerce
- Human Trafficking and Smuggling
- Corruption

Published TraCCC Research

- TraCCC scholars have produced over 40 books and 300 articles in 15 languages
- TraCCC affiliated regional research centers and international scholars have produced short, analytical papers (Occasional Papers)
- TraCCC conferences have been publicized through conference summaries
- TraCCC's website <http://tracc.gmu.edu>

Research

- Research is done by
 - core TraCCC academic personnel
 - affiliated GMU faculty from the Schar School of Policy and Government
 - unaffiliated American and International scholars and practitioners

- Core TraCCC research activities include
 - workshops
 - public lectures
 - scholarly exchanges
 - joint research partnerships

Training

- Non-degree courses aimed at
 - US Federal officials
 - Representatives of NGOs
- Focus on
 - The political, societal, and economic conditions contributing to the spread of terrorism, transnational crime and corruption
 - methods/techniques criminals and terrorists use to pursue their objectives
 - understanding the culture and society in which transnational crime, terrorism, and corruption interact
 - mitigating strategies – policy, public transparency, and law enforcement – that thwart criminals and terrorists

Policy Recommendations

- TraCCC recognizes the formidable challenges which terrorism, transnational crime and corruption pose to:
 - National and international security,
 - Economic development,
 - Democratization,
 - Free media,
 - Environment
 - Human rights
- TraCCC's research and analysis lead to policy recommendations for national governments and international organizations through
 - Testimony before legislative bodies
 - Participation in multidisciplinary legislative working groups
 - Advising multilateral governmental and non-governmental organizations