



Globalized Organized Crime and the Future of a Democratic World

International Conference — Monday, the 6th of June to Wednesday, the 8th of June 2011 – Berlin, Germany

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In the age of globalization, organized crime has long since become an inherent part of transnational economic activities. Organized crime such as money laundering, corruption and human trafficking endangers the legitimacy of the state and presents insidious or open threats to democratic structures in some world regions.

Worldwide networks

With this conference, the Heinrich Böll Foundation intends to discuss transnational organized crime as a central, yet neglected aspect of globalization. Following various routes of organized crime – from Europe to Asia, Africa and Latin America – we will be addressing questions related to the driving forces behind crime and the dilemma of transnational economic structures that increasingly blur the line between legality and illegality.

A fine line between legality and illegality

What are the causes and factors favoring organized crime? How should we deal with the fine line between legality and illegality with regard to different cultural contexts? And what does it mean for a local society when the state is no longer capable of maintaining security?

Experts believe that the formula for combatting organized crime lies in carefully tailored political regulation. But what precisely is the nature of the numerous opposing forces in the increasing criminalization of economic transactions, social organization and political culture in many countries? And what can civil society do against criminal infiltration of the state and economic relations?

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Conference guide

- What are the causes and factors favoring organized crime?
- How should we deal with the fine line between legality and illegality with regard to different cultural contexts?
- To what extent does the nature of transnational business activities under the conditions of globalization affect the legitimacy of the state and thus favor the spread of organized crime?
- What is the impact of transnational organized crime on the political culture and governability of countries?
- What is the relationship between transnational organized crime and human rights?
- Which forces are counteracting the increasing criminalization of economic transactions, social organization and political culture in many countries?

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the magazine of the Heinrich Böll Foundation

The Face of Transnational Organized Crime in the 21st Century

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- The involvement of the state in organized crime and the consequences for everyday life.
- Why the Western state is so hard to export.
- Mexico: the current situation
- Germany: what does it all have to do with us?
- What can civil society do against criminal infiltration of the state and economic relations?

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Monday, 6 June 2011

13.45 Registration

14.30 **Welcome and opening**

Barbara Unmüßig – Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Introduction to the conference

Annette von Schönfeld – Head of Latin America department, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin)

15.15 Keynote

The new face of transnational organized crime in the 21st century

Introducing the concept of «crime routes» as a structuring element for transnational organized crime.

Prof. Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom – anthropologist, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Commentary from the Southern perspective

Prof. Dr. Etannibi Alemika – criminologist/sociologist, University of Jos, Nigeria

Presenter: Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, FU Berlin

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Fishbowl

Organized crime in times of political transformation: Europe after the Cold War and in the context of EU enlargement

TBA – Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI), Berlin

Elena Panfilova – Transparency International Russia, Moscow

Jürgen Roth – author and journalist, Frankfurt/M

Ralf Mutschke – Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BKA), Wiesbaden

Bärbel Uhl – EU Experts Group on Trafficking in Human Beings, Berlin

Presenter: Dr. Volker Weichsel – editor, Osteuropa-magazine, Berlin

18.45 Reception with buffet

Tuesday, 7 June 2011

8.15 Registration

9.00 Welcome and opening

9.10 **Fishbowls**

Prior to each fishbowl: a brief positioning of the relevant region in relation to transnational «criminal routes» by Prof. Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom - anthropologist, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

9.15 **The interdependence of war and criminalization, as exemplified by Afghanistan: who funds whom?**

TBA – Federal Foreign Office (AA), Berlin

Martin Kipping – Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin

Dr. Edgardo Buscaglia – economist/jurist, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), International Law and Economic Development Center, USA, Mexico

Dr. Yama Torabi – Integrity Watch Afghanistan, Kabul

Dr. Florian Kühn – political scientist, Bundeswehr University, Hamburg

Presenter: Susanne Koelbl – Der Spiegel, Hamburg, Berlin

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Processes of criminalization in West Africa, as exemplified by Nigeria: political instability and criminal infiltration**

Prof. Dr. Etannibi Alemika – criminologist/sociologist, University of Jos, Nigeria

Patrick Naagbanton – Center for Environment, Human Rights and Development, Port Harcourt (CEHRD), Nigeria

Bisi Olateru Olagbegi – Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON), Lagos, Nigeria

Prof. Dr. Robert Kappel – economist/sociologist, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg

Presenter: Andrea Stäritz - journalist, Berlin

13.15 Lunch

14.30 Keynote

Transnational organized crime, governance and social organization

Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, FU Berlin

Commentary from the Southern perspective

Dr. Edgardo Buscaglia – economist/jurist, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), International Law and Economic Development Center, USA, Mexico

Presenter: Annette von Schönfeld – Head of Latin America department, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

15.15 **Public security for major events only?**

The criminalization of Rio de Janeiro in light of the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics: actors and strategies

TBA – Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI), Berlin

Dr. Ignacio Cano – sociologist, Observatory on Violence, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Coronel Robson Rodrigues da Silva – «Unidades de Polícia Pacificadora» program, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, FU Berlin

Christoph Breuer – Chief Operations Officer, VIP Sportstravel AG, Rio de Janeiro, Berlin

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Fatheuer – former director of the office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, Berlin

16.45 Coffee break

17.15 **Mexico - Between criminalization and law enforcement: cartels, government corruption and the significance of the U.S.-Mexican border**

Dr. Edgardo Buscaglia – economist/jurist, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), International Law and Economic Development Center, USA, Mexico

Anabel Hernández – author and journalist, Mexico City, Mexico

Raúl Ramírez Baena – Comisión Ciudadana de Derechos Humanos del Noroeste, AC, Baja California, Mexico

Lucy Sosa – journalist, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

Presenter: Annette von Schönfeld – Head of Latin America department, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

19.00 End of second day

Wednesday, 8 June 2011

9.00 Registration

9.30 Welcome and opening

9.40 Keynote

The fine line between legality and illegality

Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar – Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Commentary from the Northern perspective

TBA

Presenter: Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, FU Berlin

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Fishbowl**

Positioning of the topic in relation to transnational «criminal routes»

Prof. Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom – anthropologist, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Corporate crime and money laundering: from business as usual to organized crime

Dr. Gerhard Schick – MP, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Finance Committee of the German Bundestag, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Hans See – Business Crime Control, Frankfurt/M

Steffen Salvenmoser – PricewaterhouseCoopers, Frankfurt/M

Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar – Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Dr. Myriam Dunn Cavelty – Center for Security Studies, ETH Zürich, Switzerland and stiftung neue verantwortung, Berlin

Jürgen Roth – author and journalist, Frankfurt/M

Presenter: Andreas Baum – Deutschlandfunk, Berlin

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Summary and conclusions from the fishbowls of the last 3 days and brainstorming

Strategies against the growing criminalization of economic transactions, social organizations and political culture worldwide

Prof. Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom – anthropologist, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

and participants of the conference

Presenter: Dr. Regine Schönenberg – political scientist, FU Berlin

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Final fishbowl

Review and outlook: is there hope for a democratic world given the dynamics of criminalization?

Barbara Unmüßig – Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Klaus Schlichte – political scientist, University of Bremen

Prof. Dr. Carolyn Nordstrom – anthropologist, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar – Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Verena Zoppei – FLARE Network, Berlin/Turin

Presenter: Ingrid Spiller – Director of the office for Central America/Mexico/The Caribbean of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Mexico City

18.00 End of conference

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Information

Date and location:

Monday, 6 June 2011, 13.45 – 18.45

Tuesday, 7 June 2011, 8.15 – 19.00

Wednesday, 8 June 2011, 9.00 – 18.15

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, D-10117 Berlin

Connections:

Bus 147 Deutsches Theater (♿), 150m walk)

S-Bahn S1, 2, 25, 5, 7, 75, 9 Friedrichstrasse

(Albrechtstr. exit, not barrier-free, 250m walk/

Friedrichstr. exit, ♿, 750m walk or Bus 147)

U-Bahn U6, Oranienburger Tor (♿, 500m walk)

Tram M1, M6, 12 Oranienburger Tor (♿, 500-600m walk)

From the main station (Hauptbahnhof), Bus 147 > U Märkisches Museum to Deutsches Theater

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Registration:

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