

Organized crime and economic criminality

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The course synthesizes the main considerations and key events and data on business-economic crime with those related to organized crime. It examines the dichotomy of 'legal-illegal market,' the position of Smith, Arlacchi, and others that organized crime is primarily a business activity parallel to the legitimate one, and studies some main forms of economic crime, comparing them to certain key forms of organized crime. Based on the material already covered in undergraduate courses, various forms of collaboration between the state, businesses, banks, and SMEs with forms of organized crime that provide illegal products and services are explored. Relevant cases include 'money laundering' in legitimate markets, banks, and offshore companies, corruption, offering worker intimidation services on behalf of businesses, and the dumping of hazardous toxic waste by organized crime on behalf of legitimate businesses. The course primarily utilizes English-language literature. At the same time, it draws attention to the gray areas of antisocial or socially harmful actions by businesses, international institutions, and the state in contemporary Greece. Regarding organized crime, a conceptual determination of organized criminal activity is made (distinguishing organized crime from terrorism and economic crime). The criminological and penal characteristics of organized crime are presented, as well as its relationship with other forms of criminal activity (collaborative acts, professionally committed crimes, gangs). The social organization of O.C. The threats of transnational organized crime. A comparison is made between transnational organized crime and transnational corporations. The study includes violence, corruption, and the illegal legalization of proceeds in the service of organized crime. Finally, methods of combating organized crime (prevention, repression, international cooperation, international texts) are examined, along with the protection of human rights in the context of combating organized crime.