

Crime and Politics: Piracy and Beyond

[FINAL VERSION]

Research and Book Workshop

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Maritime piracy and other forms of criminal activity have emerged as security threats after the end of the Cold War, presumably helped by weakened state capacity in developing countries. After the Cold War, developing countries were less able to use foreign capital to appease domestic opponents, leading to instability and creating space for criminal activity. The adoption of elections and more democratic processes in many developing countries in the 1990s also disrupted the equilibrium between state and criminal actors, leading to increases in criminal violence. In addition, market reforms in states with weak economic regulations led to corruption and the emergence of criminal groups. These trends highlight the role of political institutions for the emergence and persistence of crime, and suggest that connections between crime and politics deserve more academic attention.

This research and book workshop brings together scholars working at the intersection of crime and politics. Contributions for the research workshop on day 1 range from work on bargaining in pirate hostage takings, the consequences of peacekeeping for piracy, and patterns of piracy clusters, to assessments of Mafia killings, smuggling in Northern Africa, and desistance from criminal organizations. On day 2, invited participants will comment on the book project tentatively titled "Pirate Lands: State Capacity and the Organization of Maritime Piracy," co-authored by the workshop organizers.

Workshop Organizers

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Thursday, December 8, 9:00-17:15

Research Workshop

Location: Potgieterzaal (located in the University of Amsterdam library)

University Library

Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam

<http://uba.uva.nl/en/locations/university-library-singel.html>

9:00-10:30 Piracy Panel I

Chair: Ursula Daxecker (UvA)

Discussant: Romain Malejacq (Radboud University)

Jessica Di Salvatore (University of Amsterdam)

Does peacekeeping breed organized crime? The case of AMISOM and transnational piracy

Jana Krause (University of Amsterdam)

A riot that did not take place: macro- and micro-level explanations for the absence of communal violence in Jos, Nigeria

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:15 Crime Panel I

Chair: Brandon Prins (Tennessee)

Discussant: Simone Datzberger, UvA

Francesco Moro (Bologna) and Salvatore Sberna (New York University Florence)

Transferring violence? Mafia killings in non-traditional areas: Evidence from Italy

Bridget Coggins (UCSB)

Insurgency, Substitution and Unintended Consequences: Did the Patriot Act & Externalization of U.S. Law Make Civil Wars More Violent?

12:30-14:00 Lunch at Zeppos (everyone invited, please RSVP)

14:00-15:30 Piracy Panel II

Chair: Fransje Molenaar, (Leiden and Clingendael)

Discussant: Brandon Prins (Tennessee)

Federico Varese (Oxford) and Anja Shortland (King's College London)

Bargaining over human lives: principal-agent dilemmas in the ransom negotiation of the CEC Future

Scott Gates, PRIO
Proto States

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:30 Crime Panel II – Desistance from Crime and Implications

Chair: Jessica Di Salvatore, UvA

Discussant: Abbey Steele (UvA)

Fransje Molenaar (University of Leiden and Clingendael)

Trans-Saharan human smuggling - Impact on regional political stability in Northern Africa and the Sahel, and opportunities to address this

18:30 Dinner at Restaurant Jun (by invitation only)

Restaurant Jun

Frederik Hendrikstraat 98, 1052 HZ Amsterdam

<http://www.restaurantjun.nl/>

Friday December 9, 9:00-12:30 (by invitation only)

Book Workshop

Location: REC B5.12 (located in building B of the Roeterseiland Campus building)

Nieuwe Achtergracht 166

1018 WV Amsterdam

<http://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/the-uva-in-amsterdam/locations/content/roeterseiland/rec-b-c-d-entrance-b-c.html>

9:00-10:30: Proposal, framing, and theory chapter

- Discussion of proposal and overall project, including framing and contribution
- Discussion of theoretical chapter
- Facilitators: Federico Varese and Scott Gates

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:15: Empirical chapters, implications chapter

- Continue discussion of previous items
- Discuss empirical chapters
- Facilitators: Francesco Moro and Bridget Coggins

12:30-14:00 Concluding lunch at Restaurant Plantage (by invitation only)

Restaurant Plantage

Plantage Kerklaan 36, 1018 CZ Amsterdam

<http://caferestaurantdeplantage.nl/en/#home>