

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences New Course Request**

International Studies

Academic Unit

International Studies

Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

533 Organized Crime and Corruption in Contemporary Europe

Number Title

European Crime

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18-Character Title Abbreviation

Level

Credit Hours

Summer

Autumn X

Winter

Spring

Year 2007

Proposed effective date, choose one quarter and put an "X" after it; and fill in the year. See the OAA curriculum manual for deadlines.

**A. Course Offerings Bulletin Information**

Follow the instructions in the OAA curriculum manual. If this is a course with decimal subdivisions, then use one New Course Request form for the generic information that will apply to all subdivisions; and use separate forms for each new decimal subdivision, including on each form the information that is unique to that subdivision. If the course offered is less than a quarter or a term, please complete the Flexibly Scheduled/Off Campus/Workshop Request form.

Description (*not to exceed 25 words*):

Organized crime and corruption in Post-Communist Europe will be studied. Trafficking in drugs, weapons, organs, people and nuclear materials will be explored.

Quarter offered: AU,WI,SP Distribution of class time/contact hours: 2 2-hr. class

Quarter and contact/class time hours information should be omitted from Book 3 publication (yes or no):

Prerequisite(s): Sophomore or higher, or permission of instructor

Exclusion or limiting clause: NA

Repeatable to a maximum of \_NA \_\_\_ credit hours.

Cross-listed with: NA

Grade Option (Please check): Letter  S/U  Progress  What course is last in the series? \_\_\_\_\_

Honors Statement: Yes  No  GEC: Yes  No  Admission Condition  
Off-Campus: Yes  No  EM: Yes  No  Course: Yes  No

Other General Course Information: NA

(e.g. "Taught in English." "Credit does not count toward BSBA degree.")

**B. General Information**

Subject Code \_\_\_\_\_ 450901 \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidy Level (V, G, T, B, M, D, or P) \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please email Jed Dickhaut at [dickhaut.1@osu.edu](mailto:dickhaut.1@osu.edu).

1. Provide the rationale for proposing this course:  
See attached rationale.

2. Please list Majors/Minors affected by the creation of this new course. Attach revisions of all affected programs.  
This course is (check one):  Required on major(s)/minor(s) A choice on major(s)/minors(s)  
 An elective within major(s)/minor(s)  A general elective:

3. Indicate the nature of the program adjustments, new funding, and/or withdrawals that make possible the implementation of this new course.  
Already offered under IS 501 Selected Topics.

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4. Is the approval of this request contingent upon the approval of other course requests or curricular requests?

Yes  No  List:

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5. If this course is part of a sequence, list the number of the other course(s) in the sequence: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Expected section size: 25 Proposed number of sections per year: 2

7. Do you want prerequisites enforced electronically (see OAA manual for what can be enforced)? Yes  No

8. This course has been discussed with and has the concurrence of the following academic units needing this course or with academic units having directly related interests (*List units and attach letters and/or forms*):  
Not Applicable

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9. **Attach a course syllabus that includes a topical outline of the course, student learning outcomes and/or course objectives, off-campus field experience, methods of evaluation, and other items as stated in the OAA curriculum manual and e-mail to [asccurrofc@osu.edu](mailto:asccurrofc@osu.edu).**

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**Approval Process** The signatures on the lines in ALL CAPS ( e.g. ACADEMIC UNIT) are required.

1. Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair	Anthony Mughan Printed Name	Date
2. Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair	Printed Name	Date
3. <b>ACADEMIC UNIT CHAIR/DIRECTOR</b>	Anthony Mughan Printed Name	Date
4. <b>After the Academic Unit Chair/Director signs the request, forward the form to the ASC Curriculum Office, 105 Brown Hall, 190 West 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. or fax it to 688-5678. Attach the syllabus and any supporting documentation in an e-mail to <a href="mailto:asccurrofc@osu.edu">asccurrofc@osu.edu</a>. The ASC Curriculum Office will forward the request to the appropriate committee.</b>		
5. <b>COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE</b>	Printed Name	Date
6. <b>ARTS AND SCIENCES EXECUTIVE DEAN</b>	Printed Name	Date
7. Graduate School (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
8. University Honors Center (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
9. Office of International Education (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
10. <b>ACADEMIC AFFAIRS</b>	Printed Name	Date

## **Course Rationale**

### **International Studies 533 Organized Crime and Corruption in Contemporary Europe**

One of the most important observations made about our “globalizing” world is that issues and problems that affect one part of the world now have effects in many other places. In the case of Russia and Eastern Europe, older systems of governance and social order have been subject to rapid change in the last two decades, some of this destabilizing in nature. Organized crime and corruption are serious problems faced by these societies. One example: in the early years after the breakdown of the Soviet Union, as much as one-half of all economic activity was funneled through organized crime syndicates. Additionally, modern communications and transportation technologies allow a greatly expanded reach for organized criminal activities. These problems can and do have serious consequences elsewhere.

This course will explore the problem of organized crime and corruption in Italy, Russia and Eastern Europe and its *transnational* nature. Case studies will be drawn from the drugs trade, human and organ trafficking, money laundering, cross-border trafficking in fissile materials, terrorism and other topics.

Efforts on the part of the European Union, United Nations and the United States to combat these problems will be studied. Problems in the coordination of policing and prosecution of criminal activity inside and across the borders of states will be considered. Cooperation can be hampered when criminal activity, some residing at the government level, occurs in one state yet has effects in another.

This course is of relevance to three of the specializations in the International Studies major-Slavic and East European Studies, Security & Intelligence and International Relations & Diplomacy. Students will develop an appreciation of the complexity (and danger) that resides in those parts of the world where rapid change leads to weakened systems of authority and individual actors are able to “extend” their reach due to rise of powerful new technologies.

# IS 533

## Organized Crime and Corruption in Contemporary Europe

Instructor: Tatyana Nestorova, Ph.D.  
phone: 292-9657  
MW 1:30-3:18PM

**Office Hours:** By appointment, though I am usually available on a walk-in basis most working days between 9am and 4pm. Please call or email me in advance to see if I will be there.

**Course Objective:** This course will examine various aspects of crime and corruption in post-Communist Europe, a region which has witnessed an explosion of transnational crime since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Its focus will be on Russian, Italian, and East European organized crime groups, their activities and enterprises, and US, EU, and UN efforts to combat them. Topics will include: drug, cigarette, and organ trafficking; human trafficking; money laundering; small arms and fissile materials dealing; stolen art; stolen automobiles; political corruption; and terrorism. The impact of today's Russia as well as the Bosnian War of 1991-95 and the Kosovo War of 1999 will also be key themes.

**Requirements:** Students will be graded as follows: midterm exam (25%), final exam (25%), group project (20%), two Review Essays (20%), and course attendance/participation (10%). In addition, students will complete various web-based readings according to the class schedule below. This course has three assigned books, available at the OSU bookstore.

### Assigned Readings:

- Victor Malarek, *The Natashas: The New Global Sex Trade* (Arcade Publishing, 2004)
- Julian Rubinstein, *The Ballad of the Whiskey Robber* (Little, Brown and Company, 2004)
- Paul L. Williams, *The Al Qaeda Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime, and the Coming Apocalypse* (Prometheus Books, 2005)

Please note: in accordance with Undergraduate International Studies Program (UISP) policy, all students must be officially enrolled in the course by the end of the second full week of the quarter. No requests to add the course will be approved by the UISP director after that time. Enrolling officially and on time is solely the responsibility of each student.

<b>Grade Scale:</b>	A (94-100)	A- (90-93)	B+ (87-89)	B (84-86)
	B- (80-83)	C+ (77-79)	C (74-76)	C- (70-73)
	D+ (64-69)	D (60-63)	E (59 and below)	

**Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. Students will sign an attendance sheet each day during class. After a maximum of two absences, points will be taken off the student's attendance grade. Students are responsible for all material missed during an absence. Material will be covered in class that is not in the assigned readings, so regular attendance is highly recommended.

**Book Review Essays:** Students are required to write two book review essays, one for Victor Malarek's *The Natashas: The New Global Sex Trade*, the other for Paul L. Williams' *The Al Qaeda Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime, and the Coming Apocalypse*. I will provide you with "suggested parameters" for your Review Essays approximately a week before they are due. These parameters will help you fashion your essays and focus on what I think are key themes. The Review Essays must be 4-5 pages long, typed and double-spaced in 12pt., Times New Roman Font, with 1 inch page margins. (Your Review Essays will not be accepted if they do not meet the above criteria). Please note: plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an "E" for the course.

**Group Projects:** Over the last week of the course, students will be presenting to the class group projects on various aspects of crime and corruption in contemporary Europe. The projects will take the form of 20-30 min. presentations in which members of a 3-4 student group will each speak for 5-6 min. on some aspect of the topic. Each group will have a "moderator" who will introduce the topic, offer concluding remarks, and field questions from the audience. Group presentations can include handouts,

PowerPoint or overhead presentations, film clips, performance art (ok, just joking), or anything else that would help the audience better understand your subject matter.

Possible topics could include, for instance, “Organ Trafficking in Britain,” “Anti-corruption Measures in Austria,” or even an overview of one particular Russian or Columbian crime organization active in Western Europe. I will assemble the groups myself shortly after the midterm examination and assist you with finding books, on-line reports, and other materials prior to your presentation. Please consider this presentation as having almost the same weight as your midterm or final exam, because at 20% of your grade, *it does!!!*

## Class Schedule

- Week 1:** Course Intro: What is Organized Crime, what is Corruption, and why Europe?  
European Organized Crime in Historical Perspective: the Italian Mafia
- Week 2:** The Wall Comes Tumbling Down: Part 1  
The Wall Comes Tumbling Down: Part 2
- Week 3:** The Fall of Yugoslavia and the Rise of Balkan Criminality  
Issue-by-Issue: The Drug Trade
- Week 4:** Issue-by-Issue: Contraband Cigarettes  
Issue-by-Issue: Trafficking in Humans and The Arms Trade
- Week 5:** **Review Day and Midterm Exam** [reading review due for Malarek]
- Week 6:** Issue-by-Issue: Political Corruption & Money Laundering  
Issue-by-Issue: Terrorism and Organized Crime
- Week 7:** Issue-by-Issue: Stolen Art, Stolen Automobiles, and Organ Trafficking  
Interpol and Europol Responds
- Week 8:** American and UN Efforts to Combat Organized Crime  
Free Day for Groups to Meet to Organize Class Projects
- Week 9:** Group Projects  
Group Projects
- Week 10:** Last Day of Class, Group Projects [reading review due for Williams]
- Week 11:** **Final Exam**

# Assigned Readings / Tasks

(Assigned readings/tasks should be completed by the date indicated on the left)

- Week 1:** **Course Intro: What is crime, what is corruption, and why Europe?**
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- Louise Shelley, John Picarelli, and Chris Corpora, “Global Crime, Inc.” in *Beyond Sovereignty: Issues a Global Agenda* (Wadsworth, 2003) pp. 143-166.  
<http://www.american.edu/tracce/resources/publications/shelle72.pdf>
- European Crime in Historical Perspective: the Italian Mafia**
- Week 2:** **The Wall Comes Tumbling Down Part 1: Russian and East European Organized Crime since 1989**
- Louise Shelley, “Contemporary Russian Organised Crime: Embedded in Russian Society,” in Cyrille Fijnaut and Letizia Paoli, *Organized Crime in Europe: Concepts, Patterns, and Control Policies in the European Union and Beyond* (Dordrecht: Springer Pub., 2004): 563-584.  
<http://www.american.edu/tracce/resources/publications/shelle04.pdf>
- The Wall Comes Tumbling Down Part 2: Russian and East European Organized Crime since 1989**
- Week 3:** **The Fall of Yugoslavia and the Rise of Balkan Criminality**
- Misha Glenny, “Criminal Gangs Running the Balkans,” *BBC News Online Report*, 28 April 2001  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from\\_our\\_own\\_correspondent/1300684.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/1300684.stm)
- Issue-by-Issue: The Drug Trade and Contraband Cigarettes**
- Tim Boekhout van Solinge, “Drug Use and Drug Trafficking in Europe,” *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie* 1 (1998): 100-105.  
<http://www.cedro-uva.org/lib/boekhout.drug.pdf>
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- Bruce Bartlett, “Cigarette Smuggling,” *Brief Analysis 423*, National Center for Policy Analysis, October 2002.  
<http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba423/ba423.pdf>
- Week 4:** **Issue-by-Issue: Trafficking in Humans**
- Issue-by-Issue: The Arms Trade**
- Rachel Stohl, “Fighting the Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms,” *SAIS Review* XXV:1 (Winter-Spring 2005): pp. 59-68.  
[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/sais\\_review/v025/25.1stohl.pdf](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/sais_review/v025/25.1stohl.pdf)
- Week 5:** **Preparation for Midterm Examination [reading review due for Malarek]**
- Midterm Examination**
- Week 6:** **Issue-by-Issue: Political Corruption and Money Laundering**
- Listen to “Programme 4: Money and Corruption” of the BBC WorldService radio series “Policing the Planet” (28 minutes)  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/global\\_crime\\_report/radioseries/ptpradioseries.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/global_crime_report/radioseries/ptpradioseries.shtml)
- Issue-by-Issue: Terrorism and Organized Crime**
- Week 7:** **Issue-by-Issue: Stolen Art, Stolen Automobiles, and Other Crimes**

- View stolen and recovered art on the Scotland Yard Art & Antiques Intelligence Focus Desk on-line database <http://www.met.police.uk/artandantiques/index.htm>
- “An Overview on Motor Vehicle Crime from a European perspective - January 2004,” *Europol*

*Serious*

*Crime Overview* (2004)

<http://www.europol.eu.int/publications/SeriousCrimeOverviews/2004/OverviewMotorVehicleCrime2004.pdf>

### **Interpol and Europol Responds**

- Visit the of Interpol (<http://www.interpol.int>) and Europol (<http://www.europol.eu.int>)

**Week 8:** **American and UN Efforts to Combat Organized Crime**  
 • “The Budapest International Law Enforcement Academy Turns Ten”  
<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/may05/ilea051305.htm>

**Free Day for Groups to Meet to Organize Class Projects**

**Week 9:** **Group Projects**

**Week 10:** **Group Projects [reading review due for Williams]**

**Week 11:** **Final Examination**

### **Academic Misconduct**

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct ([http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info\\_for\\_students/csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp)).

### **Disability Services**

**Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.**