Special Topics: Transborder Crime & Security
CRIM7260, Summer 1 Semester 2017
Class Meetings: 5:30pm to 8:00pm Tues/Thurs 210 Behrakis
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Course Description:
As globalization of trade, travel, finance and communication has intensified, Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) networks have exploited international borders and discrepancies between national criminal justice systems to expand their international enterprises at an alarming rate. International criminal structures have succeeded by adapting their illicit operations to global trade routes provided by advances in global communications, free trade agreements, expedited transportation routes and international financial businesses. The course will focus on quantifying transnational crime’s explosive growth in contraband and weapons smuggling, Intellectual Property Rights violations, money laundering and Cybercrime and their threats to U.S. and international security/economic interests. The course will focus on U.S. and international responses to international criminal threats within those illicit pathways such as cross-border trade, migration and international financial transactions. Analysis will be provided on national/international agreements, cross-border cooperation and intra-national programs, agency roles and responsibilities and other strategies to combat transnational crime.

Required Texts:
Books:
• Naim, Moisés. (2005). Illicit: How Smugglers, Traffickers, and Copycats are Hijacking the Global Economy.

Optional:

Articles (posted on Blackboard)
• Gildea, Timothy, and Glenn Pierce. (2007). Small Arms and Light Weapons Trafficking,
• Deterrence and Dissuasion Joseph Nye
**Primers (will be provided to you):**
- Albright, David, Andrea Stricker, and Houston Wood. (2013). *Future World of Illicit Nuclear Trade; Mitigating the Threat.*

**Grade Breakdown**
- Attendance and Class Participation 25%
- Presentation on the readings 15%
- Prospectus 20%
- Final Paper 40%

**Course Requirements:**

*Attendance and Class Participation*
This course places a premium on class participation which is in addition to attendance. Constructive participation in class discussion is a requirement for this course. Constructive participation means that you contribute to the class discussion on a regular basis. Everyone should do all the readings prior to class and be prepared to discuss them in depth. The expectation is for us to go beyond reading summaries and gain greater knowledge and understanding through thoughtful critiques and discussions on cross-border crime topics prompted by the readings.

*Presentation*
Classes listed on the syllabus with ‘Presentation’ in the assignment field means that a student or students, will begin the class with a presentation on the reading topic. Summaries of the readings are not sufficient but rather the purpose is to offer creative, analytical insights and to jumpstart the class with relevant comments and discussions about them. We will be picking topics and presentation dates the first week of class. You can focus on a concept from the readings, relate it to current events, your work experience, or another class. But please give a presentation that is well constructed and comprehensive.

*Prospectus*
There will be two written assignments for this course. Your first written assignment is a short prospectus for your paper. The prospectus is simply a proposal of your final paper topic. It should include your thesis argument and a layout of how the paper will likely proceed, including sources you expect to consult. The prospectus should be about three pages long double spaced. Please include a bibliography. Any established style is acceptable. A hard copy of your prospectus will be due in class on Thursday, May 25th.

*Final Paper*
Your final paper will require you to choose a substantive area, related to cross-border crime and security, that you are interested in, and connect potential research questions in this area to broader ideas and debates in the field. You can choose a topic/issue we have discussed, or will discuss, throughout the course, or another topic of interest you may have. Explain the central problem and why the topic matters for international security. Describe policies or program already in effect regarding your topic, or suggest better practices or recommendations for improvement in this area. The goal of the research paper is to combine analytical concepts discussed in class with empirical research and policy relevant conclusions. This paper should be no more than 12-15 pages, double-spaced. We will discuss this paper in more detail throughout the semester. Your final paper will be submitted through Turnitin on the class blackboard site, and will be due on the last day of class, June 22nd, no later than 5:30pm.
**Extra Credit Option:** There will be an extra credit opportunity available for any students interested. Read the book *Crack99* by David Hall by Tuesday, June 6th and come to class prepared with six (6) insightful questions to ask our guest speaker that day regarding the book. Successful completion of this assignment will add six (6) points to your final paper grade.

**Letter grades are determined using the following scale:**

- 93 - 100 = A
- 90 - 92.99 = A-
- 87 – 89.99 = B+
- 83 – 86.99 = B
- 80 – 82.99 = B-
- 77 – 79.99 = C+
- 73 – 76.99 = C
- 70 – 72.99 = C-
- 67 – 69.99 = D+
- 63 – 66.99 = D
- 60 – 62.99 = D-
- Below 60 = F

**Academic Integrity**

The highest standards of academic integrity are expected in this course. As such, all students enrolled in this course must adhere to Northeastern University’s policy on “Academic Honesty and Integrity.” Those of you who are unfamiliar with this policy are expected to read it online at: http://www.neu.edu/osccr/academichonesty.html. Violations of the academic honesty and integrity policy will not be tolerated, and will be reported to university officials. If you are in any way unclear about this policy, please come speak to me.

**Students with Disabilities**

Any student who may require special accommodations for this course should notify me as soon as possible. You may need to register with the university's Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC can provide students with services such as note-takers and extended time on assignments. The DRC is located in 20 Dodge Hall and can be reached at 617-373-2675.
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<td><strong>Week 1: May 9th</strong></td>
<td>Introductions &amp; Review of Syllabus; Intro to Transborder Crime &amp; Security; Intro to Illicit book</td>
<td>Illicit: Ch. 1 The Wars We Are Losing</td>
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<td><em>May 11th</em></td>
<td>Global Smuggling &amp; Drug Smuggling</td>
<td>Illicit: Ch. 2 Global Smugglers Are Changing Your World / Ch. 2 Presentation &amp; Illicit: Ch. 4 No Business Like Drug Business / Ch. 4 Presentation</td>
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<td><strong>Week 2: May 16</strong></td>
<td>Policing the Borders, Early Years of U.S. Law Enforcement Abroad; U.S. Drug Enforcement Abroad &amp; Expansion of U.S. Drug Enforcement Abroad</td>
<td>Policing the Globe (PTG) Ch. 3 pg. 105-140 / Ch. 3 Presentation</td>
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<td><strong>Week 3: May 23rd</strong></td>
<td>Overview of Multilateral WMD Controls; Guest Speaker: David Albright</td>
<td>Primer: Albright, David, Andrea Stricker, and Houston Wood. (2013). Future World of Illicit Nuclear Trade; Mitigating the Threat. Read chapters 2, 5, 6 &amp; 8</td>
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<td><em>May 25th</em></td>
<td>Anti-Money Laundering (AML)</td>
<td>Illicit: Ch. 7 The Money Washers / Ch. 7 Presentation; Deutsche Bank article [Prospectus on Final Paper Topics Due* Bring hard copy to class]</td>
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<td><strong>Week 4: May 30th</strong></td>
<td>FBI Guest Speaker Pete Gomez; Terrorism / Economic Espionage</td>
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<td><em>June 1st</em></td>
<td>Cross-Border Crime Responses: Guest Speaker Ken MacDonald &amp; Leigh Wenchell WCO</td>
<td>Illicit: Ch. 9 What Are Governments Doing? / Ch. 9 Presentation</td>
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<td><em>June 8th</em></td>
<td>Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Ken MacDonald</td>
<td>Illicit: Ch. 6 The Global Trade and Stolen Ideas &amp; Article TBD / Ch. 6 Presentation</td>
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<td><strong>Week 6: June 13th</strong></td>
<td>International Enforcement Operations Agent Provocateur, Legal Frameworks, Title III, Miranda, IC v. LEO / International Enforcement Operations Class Exercise</td>
<td>U.S. vs. McKeever</td>
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<td><strong>Week 7: June 20th</strong></td>
<td>Overview of What Is &quot;Big Data&quot; and Where It Comes From / Complex Organizations and the Intelligence Value Change and the New Era of Data Science</td>
<td>(Provide online tour of open source examples of US trade and travel cross-border system &amp; data)</td>
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<td><strong>FINAL PAPERS DUE VIA TURNITIN BY 5:30pm</strong></td>
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