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Jay Albanese is a professor in the Wilder School of Government & Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Albanese is the author and editor of 20 books on organized crime, ethics, corruption, transnational crime, and criminal justice. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award from Virginia Commonwealth University, the Freda Adler Award from the American Society of Criminology Division of International Criminology for significant contributions to criminology internationally, and the Gerhard Mueller Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences International Section for research contributions. He has served as a consultant to the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime. He is past president and a fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and co-founder of Criminologists without Borders.



David Bright is a professor, criminologist and forensic psychologist with the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. Prior to a career in academia, he worked in a range of clinical and forensic settings including community mental health services, police agencies, courts, and prisons. After completing a PhD in forensic psychology in 2008, Professor Bright joined the National Drug and Alcohol Centre at UNSW, where he conducted research on illicit drug markets and organised criminal groups. In 2012 he commenced a teaching and research position with the School of Social Sciences at UNSW where he took up the role of Deputy Head of School (Research). In

2016, he was appointed Associate Dean Research for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW. He subsequently worked at Flinders University (2017-2021) where he was Deputy Director of the Chair Crime Policy and Research. He commenced at Deakin University in 2021.

Professor Bright's research interests include criminal networks, organised crime, terrorism, drugs and crime, and desistance from crime. He is Director of the Melbourne Illicit Networks Lab which conducts ground-breaking research using social network analysis and related approaches to study organised criminal groups and terrorist groups. He is also convenor of the ANZSOC Thematic Group on Illicit Networks.

Professor Bright has been Chief Investigator on five consecutive ARC funded projects as well as projects funded by industry and government. He is the author (with Professor Chad Whelan) of Organised Crime and Law Enforcement: A Network Perspective (published by Routledge in 2021).







John Collins is the director of academic engagement at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, based in the Vienna office.

John also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Illicit Economies and Development (JIED), LSE Press, and Treasurer/Secretary of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSPD) and as a Fellow at the Centre for Criminology at the University of Hong Kong.

Before joining the GI, John was Founding Executive Director of the LSE's International Drug Policy Unit (IDPU), a Fellow of the LSE US

Centre and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow of the Yale Centre for the Study of Globalization. He has led a number of policy projects while at IDPU, including a British Council Newton Fund Institutional Links grant with the Universidad de Los Andes, examining "illicit drug production and the search for peace in Colombia"; a GIZ partnership developing a Drugs and Development Hub; an ESRC-GCRF project examining illicit drug economies in the border regions of Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar; and several LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact (KEI) projects examining drug policy legislative reform in Ireland and the UK. John also led five successive major Open Society Foundations institutional support grants examining drug policies and sustainable development. He has served a number of Advisory roles, including as an Advisory Board member to the new Centre for Court Innovation Project, "Strengthening the Foundation for Drug Court Research".

John's historical research focuses on the political economy of international drug control. He earned a PhD from the Department of International History at the London School of Economics looking at Anglo-American relations and international drug control over the period 1939-1964, culminating in the creation of the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs in 1961. John's contemporary policy interests focus on the political economy of international drug control and the evolving dynamics on national and international policy reforms.



Willem (Pim) Geelhoed is an associate professor of criminal law and criminal procedure. He studied law at Leiden University, where he graduated in 2006 with a specialisation in criminal law. In that year he was appointed at Leiden University's Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology as a lecturer and researcher. In 2013, he defended his PhD thesis, which dealt with the expediency principle and the way this is influenced by European Union law. Between 2013 and 2017 he was assistant professor of criminal law and criminal procedure at Leiden University, and from 2017 to 2021 at the University of Groningen. In 2021, he was appointed Associate

Professor. His interests include the Europeanisation of criminal law, comparative criminal law and procedure, particularly within Europe, organised and financial crimes and international cooperation in criminal matters. He prefers to study these topics from a plurality of theoretical perspectives. At the University of Groningen, Geelhoed is the academic director of the LLM Programme in Global Criminal Law, and one of the coordinators of the Illicit Trade Group.





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His areas of expertise include illicit enterprise, gangs, and cybercrime. His work has appeared in reports published by the European Union and the City of London Corporation and he has

been published in several academic journals including Urban Affairs Review; Deviant Behavior; Crime, Law and Social Change; Trends in Organized Crime; Global Crime, and International Criminal Justice Review. He is the author of Trying to Make It: The Enterprises, Gangs, and People of the American Drug Trade, on Cornell University Press.



Anita Lavorgna is an associate professor of criminology at the University of Southampton. Anita has an international research track record on and expertise in interdisciplinary research drawing together criminology, socio-legal studies, and web science. She has worked extensively on cybercrime, serious and organised crime, and online social harms. Anita has worked on wildlife trafficking online since 2013 and has recently completed as Principal Investigator a UK ESRC-funded project (www.floraguard.org) on the illegal online trade in endangered plants. At the moment, Anita is leading an ESRC-funded project on harmful sharenting practices (www.protechthem.org), while furthering her work on serious

online social harms (especially information pollution) and cybercrimes.



T Wing Lo is a professor at the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences (formerly Department of Applied Social Sciences), City University of Hong Kong. A Hong Kong registered social worker, professor Wing Lo obtained his PhD from the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge in 1991. He had been an outreach social worker working with triad gangsters for 17 years before joining City University of Hong Kong (CityU) in 1990. He had been Head of its Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, which comprises sociology, criminology, psychology, social work and counselling, and is now Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs). He is holder of Applied Research Excellence





Award (2002), Teaching Excellence Award (2007), and Excellence in Knowledge Transfer Award (2019) of CityU. His research impact was classified as 4 star in Hong Kong's Research Assessment Exercise 2020.

He has been a member of the International Advisory Board of the British Journal of Criminology, editorial board member of Youth Justice and Asian Journal of Criminology, founding editor of the Routledge Studies in Asian Behavioral Sciences, and vice-chairman of the General Assembly of Asian Society of Criminology. He has been frequently invited to give talks in the US, UK, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. For instance, he was invited to address the United Nations delegates who attended the Palermo Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in New York in 2010; and address officials of the US Department of Defence in Washington DC in 2015.

He has published extensively in the fields of Chinese triad society, drug abuse and trafficking, corruption and youth issues. His most recent books are: Lo, T.W., Siegel, D., & Kwok, S.I. (Eds.). (2020). Organized crime and corruption across borders: Exploring the Belt and Road initiative. London: Routledge; and Liu, Z., & Lo, T.W. (2020). Understanding crime in villages-in-the-city in China: A social and behavioural approach. London: Routledge. The latter was awarded the Distinguished Book Award 2021 by the Asian Criminological Society.



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Elrena Van Der Spuy is a programme convenor of the LLM/MPhil programme in Criminology, Law and Society and Professor in the Department of Public Law, University of Cape Town.

Her research interests have coalesced around police and policing issues for a while now. The thematic areas have included: history of South African police; politics of police reform in context of transition; police policy transfer; police and peacekeeping; commissions of inquiry into police in South Africa and police narratives on policing.