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‘Organised crime’ and (some) ‘organised crime’ research in Greece

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Abstract

Although manifestations of what could be termed as ‘organised crime’ existed in Greece for centuries, the western world meaning of ‘organised crime’ was introduced in the country in the 1990s. Simultaneously, there has been very little empirical research on ‘organised crime’ in Greece in general and on specific ‘organised crime’-related issues in particular. The purpose of this presentation is twofold: firstly, to provide a brief overview of the ‘organised crime’ situation and discourse in the country; secondly, to provide an overview/summary of findings of a number of studies on ‘organised crime’ in Greece with the main focus being primarily its ‘entrepreneurial manifestations’, illegal markets. Corruption and the ‘upperworld’ as elements of the social organisation of illegal markets in Greece will also be discussed.