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Curriculum vitae

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Main career positions:

- Scientific Counsellor, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research; Honorary Professor, University of Hull, UK; External Ph.D Examiner, University of Cape Town, South Africa
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- Multilateral diplomacy
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Abstract

The linkages between corruption and organized crime are explored on a theoretical level to move to a regional South Eastern European perspective. A series of data are presented about corruption from TI, UN and EU. It is well established that corruption is perceived as one of the main threats to the legal, economic and political stability for the region and in particular in view of its integration in the EU. Organized crime uses corruption as an effective instrument to carry out its illicit trade into and out of the region, to legalize dirty profit, to invest it in legitimate business (in particular through the privatization process), to link with the political structures and to attempt to achieve impunity.