

Student Research Seminar

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10:00 – 11:00

**SEERC Conference Room
Strategakis Bldg – 3rd floor**

**“Governmental and non-governmental action against
organized crime and drug trafficking in Serbia”**

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ABSTRACT

Contemporary conceptualizations support that organised crime groups are inherently complex, business-like structures operating as loosely-organized networks. The boundaries of conventional international cooperation law enforcement and judiciary have changed, mainly due to swift mobility, activities and communication methods of criminal networks. Serbia represents a major transit country within the ‘Balkan route’, the main transnational path used to smuggle illicit drugs. The study explores the role of state institutions in suppressing drug trafficking and attempts to identify potential structural holes that hinder the effectiveness of such efforts. Social network analysis is deployed in an innovative manner to map the state institutions’ network designed to address drug trafficking. Potential identified obstacles may put forward the importance of redesigning the system on the basis of regional cooperation and lessons learned.

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