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# The Global Underworld Empire: Crime, Conspiracy and Corruption

**Study Group with Laurence Stallings  
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**Special Guest: Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Kerner,  
Institut für Kriminologie, Universität Tübingen**

**Friday, July 21, 2006, 6.45 pm at the d.a.i.**

Professor Kerner's 1975 book *The Crime Industry* explored organized crime from the perspective of Europe in general and Germany in particular, and charted the various links between the upper-and-underworld. Moreover, Kerner's methodology established his international reputation as a pioneer in criminology. Tonight's talk will place crime in the context of recent historical and geopolitical changes, namely, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the trend towards the "de-sovereignization" of territory.

What impact have the financial revolutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century had on crime? Have global business and administrative elites' ruthless policy of "privatizing" the richest assets of the third world increased criminal activity? Is lobbying essentially institutional corruption? What is the political significance of Enron's campaign contributions to the Bush administration? How serious is the issue of voter fraud for democracy?

No entrance fee

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