

Successful security policy transfer: How and when?

Summary

This project has sought to examine the mechanisms by which the cross-national transfer of values and policies in the field of security, and particularly against organised crime and terrorism, has been made possible. More specifically, the project has examined the extent to which EU, British, and US resource capacity-building efforts, international collaboration, and different tactical approaches to the 'export' of values and policies, have been associable with attitudinal and practical approaches to organised crime and terrorism amongst Greek officials and law enforcement practitioners. The project began on 1st September 2009 and ended on 31st August 2011. Seeking to capture, contextualise, and assess the international transfer of values and policies, fieldwork was carried out over the two-year period in Greece and the UK. Through this fieldwork, a wide range of material was been gathered; from official, NGO, and media-based documentation, to interviews with former ambassadors, law-enforcement trainers and specialised officers, journalists, and academics. On one hand, the project collected first-hand accounts of experiences of international police training and collaboration efforts. On the other, the study took a long historical perspective to understanding the effectiveness of policy transfer to Greece in these areas.

Over the course of the research, a range of contacts and collaborations were established with researchers and practitioners working on related subjects, and efforts were made to disseminate research findings to audiences across disciplines and beyond academia. Indicative of this active engagement, research papers were presented over the course of the project at the following forums: the Research Seminar at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens, Greece; the annual conferences of the Modern Greek Studies Association, the British International Studies Association, the Political Science Association, the British Society of Criminology, the European Society of Criminology, and the International Studies Association. Invited presentations were given at the annual conference of the European Society of Criminology in Vilnius, Lithuania, and at the Department of Sociology at Panteion University, Athens, Greece. Invitations to present research were also received from St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford, UK, and from the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy. In addition, invited commentary was repeatedly contributed to international media coverage of Greek political developments over the course of the project via radio, television and press, by outlets including *BBC News*, *BBC Newsnight*, *BBC World Service Newshour*, *Al Jazeera*, and *Politiken*. Expertise gained during the project also led to invitations to act as a reviewer academic and civil society publications, including for the Working Paper Series of the Greek Politics Specialist Group of the UK Political Studies Association, and for the annual 'Global Corruption Report' of the non-governmental organisation *Transparency International*. Security practitioners from the UK and Greece in the field of policing have also requested to be notified about publications stemming from the project.

Research Training Objectives and Outcomes

This project has equipped me with experience in designing and executing a large-scale project, and with the opportunity to develop the dissemination skills that are essential to building a professional profile. The following publications are testament to the richness of that opportunity:

1. *Crime and Punishment in Contemporary Greece: International Comparative Perspectives* (co-edited with L. K. Cheliotis). Oxford: Peter Lang AG, 2011. [635 pp.]
2. 'Pride and prejudice: Comparative Corruption Research and the British Case', *Crime, Law and Social Change* 54, 1 (2010): 39-61. [Winner of the 2011 Young Criminologist Award of the European Society of Criminology]

3. 'A New Dawn? Change and Continuity in Greek Political Violence', *Terrorism and Political Violence* (forthcoming).
4. 'Organised Crime and Political Violence', in L.K. Cheliotis and S. Xenakis (eds) *Crime and Punishment in Contemporary Greece: International Comparative Perspectives*, pp. 241-287. Oxford: Peter Lang AG, 2011. [With responses by Margaret Beare and Vincenzo Ruggiero].
5. 'Crime, Fear of Crime and Punitiveness' (second author with L. K. Cheliotis), in L.K. Cheliotis and S. Xenakis (eds) *Crime and Punishment in Contemporary Greece: International Comparative Perspectives*, pp. 1-43. Oxford: Peter Lang AG, 2011. [With a response by Jonathan Jackson, Monica Gerber and Carolyn Côté-Lussier].
6. 'Το Οργανωμένο Έγκλημα στην Ελλάδα: Η Οριοθέτηση και Αξιολόγηση της Απειλής' [Organised Crime in Greece: Defining and Assessing the Threat], *Εφαρμογές Δημοσίου Δικαίου* (forthcoming).
7. 'What's Neoliberalism Got to Do With It? Towards a Political Economy of Punishment in Greece' (second author with L. K. Cheliotis), *Criminology & Criminal Justice* (Special Issue on 'Neoliberalism and Penalty: Reflections on the Work of Loïc Wacquant') 10, 4 (2010): 353-373. Translated into Spanish as: 'Qué tiene que ver el neoliberalismo con esto? Hacia una economía política del castigo en Grecia', in I. González Sánchez (ed.) *La sociología de Loïc Wacquant: Teoría social, marginalidad urbana y Estado penal* [The Sociology of Loïc Wacquant: Social Theory, Urban Marginality and the Penal State]. Madrid: Dykinson, forthcoming 2011.
8. 'Corruption and Organised Crime in the UK', in P. Gounev and V. Ruggiero (eds) *Corruption and Organised Crime in Europe: Illegal Partnerships*. London: Routledge (forthcoming 2012).
9. 'Political Corruption and Organised Crime in Central and South-Eastern Europe', in Europa Publications (ed.) *Central and South-Eastern Europe 2011*, pp. 3-6. London: Routledge, 2010. Revised in Europa Publications (ed.) *Central and South-Eastern Europe 2012*, pp. 7-11. London: Routledge, 2011.
10. 'Resisting Submission? The Obstinacy of "Balkanist" Characteristics in Greece as Dissidence against "The West"', in L.K. Cheliotis (ed.) *The Banality of Good: Roots, Rites and Sites of Resistance*, pp. 178-196. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
11. 'Organised Crime and Corruption In and Around South-Eastern Europe: Trends and Counter-Efforts', *ELIAMEP Thesis 4/2010* (available from <http://www.eliamep.gr/en/eliamepthesis/>).

Indicative of the productivity afforded by the Fellowship, further publications stemming from the project are in preparation or are under review for publication. Indeed, the project will provide an important source for developing research: drawing on the research findings gathered and the management skills developed within the Fellowship, the project itself is planned for extension. Funding for a pilot study, entitled 'Turkey and International Collaboration against Non-Traditional Security Challenges', was won in the form of a 2011-2012 Strategic Research Initiative Grant from the British Institute at Ankara. The study is being hosted by the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies at the University of Oxford (www.area-studies.ox.ac.uk). I have also been awarded a two-year Junior Research Fellowship by the Universities of Paris (under the RBUCE-UP programme), hosted by the Centre for Sociological Research on Law and Penal Institutions (CESDIP) at the Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, to conduct a project 'Assessing International Police Collaboration and Training: A Comparative Study of French, British, Greek and Turkish Experiences'.

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