



THE GLITSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Unseen and Far-Reaching Consequences of Illicit Trade in the European and Global Context

May 15th, Wednesday

Arrival of participants

19:30 – Conference Welcome Dinner at [Nova Bentbaša](#)

May 16th, Thursday / Join online via

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0pc06rrjwvHdSvjVRunHszyrEHwBGhk5_a

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

08:45 – 9:00 Registration

09:00 – 9:30 Welcome Speeches

09:30 – 10:15 Keynote Speech: Louise Shelley

10:15 – 10:45 Local Keynote Speech: Darko Soldat

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

PART 2 – PANEL SESSIONS

11:00 – 12:00 Panel Session 1: Illicit Trade Undermining Global Security: Financing Terrorism and Armed Conflicts

Donna Yates - Antiquities Were (probably) Never a Significant Source of Terrorism Financing

Janis Grasis - Sanctions and illicit trade between EU member states and Russia: Case of Latvia.

Mirela Imsirovic - The Influence of Wars in the Middle East on China's Cooperation in Southeast Europe: Unraveling China's Economic Attitudes to Trade Flows

Namchoke Sasikornwong - Informal Economy At The International Level: The Art of Bypassing Western Institutions, A Case Study of Thailand's Non-Sanction on Russia for the War in Ukraine

12:00 – 13:00 Panel Session 2: Various Consequences of Wildlife Trade

Çağdan Uyar - The Effectiveness of CITES Convention Scientific Authorities in Preventing Illicit Trade

Esra Per - Illegal Wildlife Trade and Smuggling in Türkiye: A Comprehensive Examination of Its Environmental, Biosecurity, and Health Dimensions

Luis Miguel Nunes Valente Afonso Reino - Impacts of the EU trade ban in the wildlife trade network: Is the war in Europe affecting the patterns of both legal and illegal trade?

Pim Geelhoed - Private Prosecutions for Wildlife Trafficking in Uganda

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 Panel Session 3: Environmental and Economic Consequences of Illicit Trade

Besa Shahini - Unravelling the Nexus of Illicit Waste Trade, Circular Economy Strategies, and Environmental Conservation: Towards Sustainable Solutions

Karol Bieńkowski - Combating agri-food fraud - A Challenge for Europe

Sandra Kobajica Misanovic - Assessing the Dimensions of Environmental Crime: A Case Study of Bosnia and Herzegovina

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30 Panel Session 4: Illicit Trade Fueling Corruption and Organized Crime

Aleksandar Maršavelski - Consequences of Financing of Political Parties from Illicit Trade in Southeast Europe

Andrius Puksas - Illicit Trade and Criminal Activities: Analyzing Trends During War and in the Aftermath of Conflict

Lorenzo Bernardini - Investigating and Prosecuting Human Traffickers: Is the EU's Holistic Approach Effective To Tackle Organised Crime Networks?

Zora Hauser - Cooperation, Surplus Sharing, and Conflict in Criminal Settings

16:30 – 17:00 Closing remarks

17:00 – 17:30 COCKTAIL EVENT