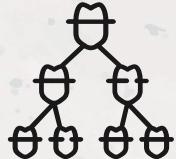


SC2212 Lecture 9: Organised Crime Groups

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Recap



Albert Cohen:

Subcultures arise/emerge as a result whenever there are contradictions and imperfections posed by the dominant culture.



Coward and Ohlin:

There are also subcultures WITHIN the illegitimate society.

- Criminal subculture
- Conflict subculture
- Retreatist subculture

Trust

What is trust?

- To trust someone is to lower one's guard
- Trust takes place "within the context of an agreement or a promise"
Campana & Varese, 2013, p. 264) – the decision made by actor A to perform an action for actor B, in the EXPECTATION that B will fulfil his end of the agreement.
- Why would A trust B?
 - Altruism
 - Social norms of reciprocity
 - Past behaviour
 - Social ostracisms for defection
 - Signs and signals for trustworthiness



Trust



Legitimate society

- Sovereign
- Laws and court systems
- Well-known reputations based on easily traceable information
- Formal and informal sanctions for those who break their words



Illegitimate society

- No state to protect assets
- Information about goods and services are hard to come
- Lack of reputable and easily accessible sources of unbiased information
- Actors are often on the run

Trust in the underworld

Joseph Pistone: it is the “standard” that Mafia members “[try] to keep as much as they can, [and] pass along as little as they can get away with, regardless of what the rules say...**nobody totally trusts anybody**” (Pistone & Woodley, 1997, p. 79).

Tommaso Buscetta: suggested to authorities that they should seize some of the illegal drugs “without telling anybody...[to] make life for [the] criminals impossible”. He said that it “will throw the criminal groups into chaos”, such that “nobody will believe the others’ word, ... and everybody will accuse the other” (Campana & Varese, 2013, p. 265; Arlacchi, 1994).

Gambetta (1993, p. 231): **Life in the underworld being “fraught with uncertainty, distrust, suspicion, paranoid anxiety, [and] misunderstanding”**

Mafias

What is an Organized Crime Group (OCG)?

- An OCG is a group who aspires to REGULATE and CONTROL the production and distribution of a given commodity or service unlawfully

A mafia group is a type of OCG that attempts to govern RELATIONS.

- "Mafias are club-like groups defined by ritual entry, a territorially based hierarchical structure, and the supply of extra-legal governance to markets" (Schelling 1971, Reuter 1983, Gambetta 1993, Dixit 2004)
- Gambetta: mafias as a cartel of private protection firms whose primary business is protection racketeering
- STATE-LIKE organisations

mafia use their reputation for violence, to get



Mafia distributes food to Italy's struggling residents

Organised crime groups offer support to quarantined families who have run out of cash

Mafia want to govern people, and so they want to have good relations

mafia play a part in legitimate society
- protecting HK mini bus routes



Mafias

Hong Kong Triads (Chu, 2000)

Table 3.1 The rank structure of a triad society

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Code number</i>
1 Shan Chu (Mountain Master)	489
2 Fu Shan Chu (Deputy Mountain Master)	438 (if appointed)
3 Heung Chu (Incense Master)	438
4 Sin Fung (Vanguard)	438
5 Hung Kwan (Red Pole)	426
6 Pak Tsz Sin (White Paper Fan)	415
7 Cho Hai (Straw Sandal)	432
8 49 Chai (Ordinary Members)	49

Source: Morgan 1960: 101



Figure 3.1 The structure of a headquarters organisation. Source: Morgan 1960: 96



Figure 3.2 The structure of a branch society. Source: Morgan 1960: 96

must be introduced by someone inside, follow

Rituals

Hong Kong Triads (Chu, 2000)

1. Tapping the new recruit's left shoulder
2. Dashing the joss stick
3. Covering with the yellow gauze quilt
4. Passing through the Heaven and Earth ring
5. Passing through the fiery pit
6. Passing the two plank bridge
7. Eating the five seasonal fruit
8. Drinking the three river water
9. Smashing the bowl
10. Chopping off the chicken's head
11. Pricking the middle finger of the left hand
12. Drinking the Red Flower wine
13. Eight-step worshipping in front of the altar
14. Old and new members bowing to each other
15. Washing the face of new recruits
16. Teaching triad hand signs
17. Bowing to the office-bearers
18. Giving lucky money to protectors.



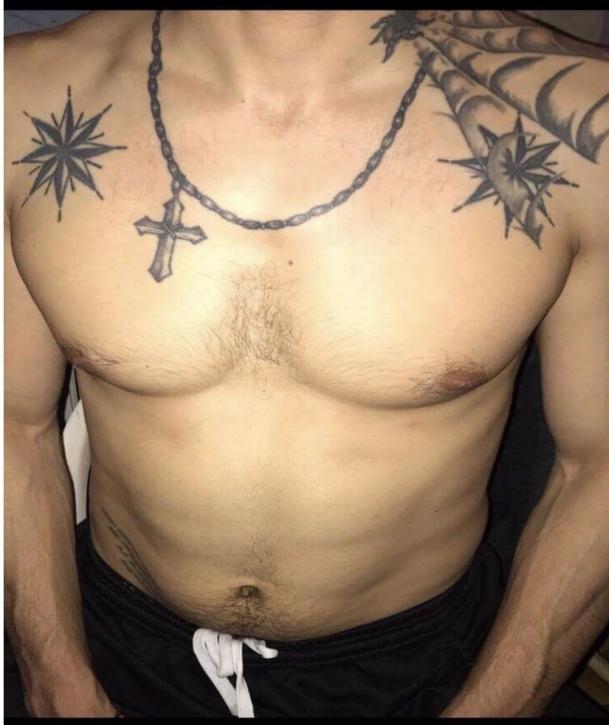
tattoo the symbol of the gang

- "earn" more tattoos throughout the criminal career
- successes failures

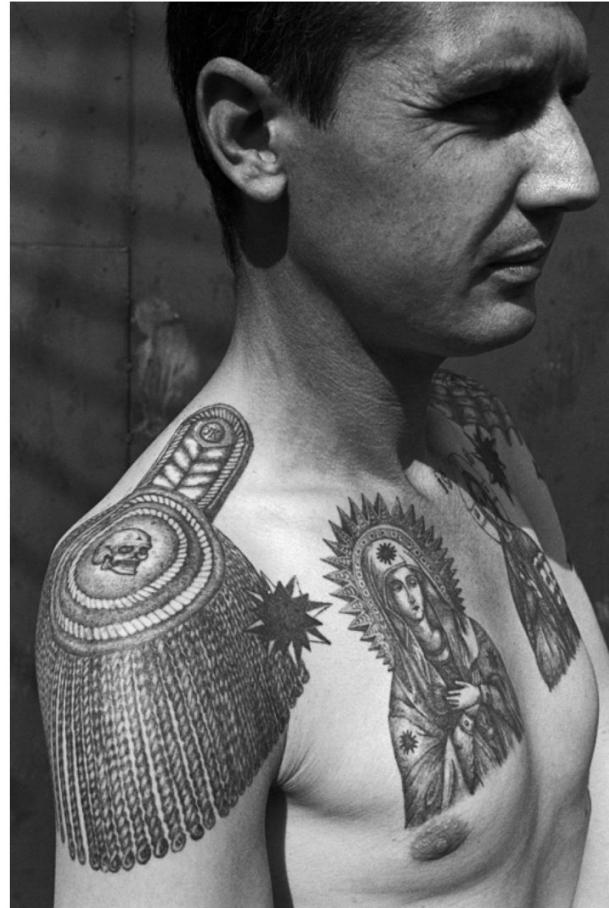
-- if you have other tattoos, they will remove

Vory (Varese, 2017)

tattoo as a resume
tattoo as a cutting off mechanism, to cut off from
legitimate society



Tattoos



Yubitsume

Yakuza



Cybercriminals

controlling image



What is cybercrime?

- Cyber DEPENDENT crime: crimes that can only be committed using information technology
- Cyber ENABLED crime: traditional crimes that are carried out using information technology

hacktivism -
anonymous

Hacking



Hacking



A Hacker: “someone who does some sort of interesting and creative work at a high intensity level. This applies to anything from writing computer programs to pulling a clever prank that amuses and delights everyone on campus” (MIT)

The Hacker Ethic (Levy 2010)

- 1. Access to computers should be “unlimited and total
- 2. All information should be free
- 3. Authority should be mistrusted
- 4. Hackers should be judged by their hacking
- 5. “You can create art and beauty on a computer”
- 6. “Computers can change your life for the better”

Interview with a Hacker

(Lusthaus, 2018)

“Hacking isn’t about technology. It isn’t about computers. It’s about having a hacker’s mindset. A mindset to understand things in a different way than other people.”

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- cybercriminals can be rehabilitated back into society
- find proper jobs
- easier for them to join back because of their technical skillset

- must understand both sides of society

The screenshot shows the homepage of CarderPlanet.com. At the top, there's a banner with a globe and the text "CARDERPLANET.COM" and "НАШЕ ПРЕДО - БОЛЬШЕ ЕЩЕ!". Below the banner is a navigation bar with links for FILES, ARTICLES, UTILITIES, FORUM, and ADVERTS. On the left, there's a sidebar titled "ЛУЧШИЕ СТАТЬИ" (Best Articles) listing several forum posts with titles like "Visit our new official forum", "Тонкости обмана рабочих тем (для новичков)", and "Комнай - враг мой или ученик шифроваться?". The main content area features a large text block about the site's purpose of discussing banking vulnerabilities and its members area. It includes fields for "Username" and "Password", a "JOIN THE POWER!" button, and a grid of six small profile pictures. At the bottom, there's a section titled "ФАЙЛОВЫЙ АРХИВ" (File Archive) with a note about downloading useful programs.

