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# MASTERCLASS IN APPLIED ORGANISED CRIME RESEARCH

Hosted by the Australian Institute  
of Criminology in collaboration with  
Transcrime



The latest insights from applied research and how it can help in  
the fight against transnational, serious and organised crime

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# OVERVIEW

Transnational, serious and organised crime (TSOC) presents a growing and evolving threat to the Australian community and a significant challenge to law enforcement. TSOC is estimated to cost the government, private sector and the wider community upwards of \$60 billion annually. Criminals continue to find new ways to exploit financial systems to fund criminal enterprises and launder illicit proceeds, drug suppliers continue to adapt to meet the strong demand among Australian consumers for illicit substances, and technological developments have provided criminals with ever increasing anonymity and security. TSOC presents a significant risk to Australia's national security.

This one-day masterclass will present the latest insights from applied organised crime research from Italy and Australia. Covering topics such as recruitment into organised crime, the international expansion of the Mafia, the rise of outlaw motorcycle gangs and the efficacy of responses to these problems, the masterclass will highlight what we know, what we don't know, and how research can be used to help shape evidence-based responses to serious and organised crime.

This masterclass will expose participants to the latest research evidence on a range of TSOC issues of national significance. It will help participants to better understand the scale, causes and consequences of these issues, and build awareness about the types of policy responses that are supported by evidence. They will learn about the work of the Australian Institute of Criminology and Transcrime, and how researchers work with policy partners to analyse problems and identify solutions. Participants will gain a better understanding of how to find, review and interpret research findings.

The masterclass will be highly interactive. Each presentation will be followed by a facilitated question-and-answer session. Participants will be encouraged to identify the implications of the research for the Australian government and to identify topics for potential further research and help shape a future TSOC research agenda.

Attendance is strictly limited to 40 participants from Australian government agencies. Registration is free but essential to secure your place.

RSVP to Anthony Morgan at [anthony.morgan@aic.gov.au](mailto:anthony.morgan@aic.gov.au) by Friday 22 November 2024.



# PROGRAM

0900-0910	WELCOME & OPENING Dr Rick Brown, AIC
0910-0930	INTRODUCTIONS Anthony Morgan, AIC
0930-1015	SESSION 1: RECRUITMENT INTO ORGANISED CRIME Prof. Francesco Calderoni, Transcrime
1015-1045	MORNING TEA
1045-1130	SESSION 2: ENABLERS OF ORGANISED CRIME Anthony Morgan, AIC
1130-1230	SESSION 3: THE ITALIAN MAFIAS: THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE AND THEIR MOBILITY ABROAD 2000-2022 Prof. Francesco Calderoni
1230-1330	LUNCH
1330-1415	SESSION 4: EVALUATING RESPONSES TO ORGANISED CRIME Dr Christopher Dowling, AIC
1415-1500	SESSION 5: OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS: A CASE STUDY Anthony Morgan
1500-1530	SESSION 6: DEVELOPING A TSOC RESEARCH AGENDA Facilitated discussion
1530	CLOSE & AFTERNOON TEA

# PRESENTERS



PROFESSOR FRANCESCO CALDERONI

Francesco is Full Professor of Criminology at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan and Transcrime. He is a renowned expert in organised crime, illicit markets, corruption, criminal and preventive policies against complex crimes and the analysis of criminal networks.



ANTHONY MORGAN

Anthony is the Research Manager for the Australian Institute of Criminology's Serious and Organised Crime, Cybercrime and Radicalisation Research Program. Anthony has spent two decades working closely with law enforcement and policy makers to conduct rigorous, applied and policy relevant empirical criminological research.



DR CHRISTOPHER DOWLING

Christopher is a Research Manager with the Australian Institute of Criminology. His published research covers a wide range of crime and justice issues including interpersonal violence and abuse, youth offending, organised crime, radicalisation, trafficking and slavery, and policing and legislative responses. He has also undertaken consultancy work for law enforcement and government stakeholders across Australia, focusing on the improvement of responses to various forms of crime.