



Crime and the state in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean

Friday 30 October, 2009

14.00-17.00 hours

Filmzaal (ground floor), Pieter de la Court building, Wassenaarseweg 52, Leiden

Traditionally, the state is imagined as sole power responsible for tackling crime. However, in many cases across the world, criminal elements have been challenging this notion. On the one hand, many states are plagued by corrupt practices. On the other, criminal organizations are emerging as powerful providers of services traditionally provided by the state. The Italian mafia is arguably the most famous case of entanglement between a criminal organization and state actors and institutions. This seminar looks at relations between crime and the state based on three cases in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean.

Tim Boekhout van Solinge, criminologist at Utrecht University, is a specialist in environmental crime (also known as 'eco-crime'). His talk will focus on the role of the state and in particular that of the military in illegal deforestation and timber trade in countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

Gerry van Klinken, researcher at the KITLV, will discuss the social embedding of illegal practices within the Indonesian state and how we can go beyond uncomplicated discourses of corruption in understanding why these practices persist.

Rivke Jaffe, anthropologist at Leiden University, is involved in research on criminal governance structures in inner-city neighborhoods in Kingston, Jamaica. She will talk about the ways in which criminal organizations increasingly take on the role of the state.

Programme:

14.00 - 14.05 h	Welcome
14.05 - 15.00 h	Eco-crime in Southeast Asia, <i>Tim Boekhout van Solinge</i>
15.00 - 15.30 h	Break
15.30 - 16.15 h	State and illegality in Indonesia, <i>Gerry van Klinken</i>
16.15 - 17.00 h	Criminal governance in Jamaica, <i>Rivke Jaffe</i>
17.00 - 18.00 h	Drinks

Please register if you wish to attend.

To register or for more information on this seminar please contact Yayah Siegers at kitlv@kitlv.nl or 071-527 2295.