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37th Käte Hamburger Online Lecture

Inside the Business of Cybercrime: Trust and Cooperation among Cybercriminals

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (17:30-18:30h, CET)

Online Lecture – Access link will be provided after registration for the event

How do cybercriminals trust each other when they don't know whom they are dealing with? On the face of it, they can't turn up at another criminal's house and beat them up. They certainly can't report being ripped off to the police. As a result of such challenges to cooperation, it might be expected that cybercriminals would operate alone or in small groups. Yet, in recent years, collaboration among cybercriminals has grown significantly. In this lecture Jonathan Lusthaus addresses the puzzle of how cybercriminals have overcome this trust problem and built an illicit shadow industry on a grand scale. He examines the range of methods they have employed to achieve this end. Drawing on a seven-year study into the organisation of cybercrime, his analysis is based on almost 250 interviews in some 20 countries – including purported cybercrime "hotspots" like Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Nigeria, Brazil, and China – with law enforcement, the private sector and former cybercriminals.

Programme

17:20-17:30 Sign in to online conference platform

17:30-17:35 Welcoming and introductory remarks:

Frank Gadinger

Senior Researcher and Research Group Co-Leader at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE).

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Discussant:

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Senior Research Fellow at GCR21/KHK and professor and researcher at the University of San Andrés in Buenos

Moderator: **Frank Gadinger**

18:10–18:30 Q&A with the Audience

18:30 End of the Lecture