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Geopolitics is an increasingly important tool to understand national and international relations.

This book unravels how organized crime is not just a marginal problem but part of a bigger geopolitical and asymmetrical warfare strategy. It seeks to establish a direct relationship between Nation States and organized crime groups. Many States have been using criminal and terrorist organizations as a policy for issues of national sovereignty or as a tool to strengthen a nation's geopolitical position. This book demonstrates how national states are utilizing criminal organizations in covert operations and "dirty jobs" such as espionage, proxy war, arms trafficking and sabotage. Examples from the United States, China and the Soviet Union are explored, providing both an historical and contemporary analysis, from World War II through to the Cold War and to the present day. The book brings together perspectives from international relations and criminology drawing on insights from a variety of sources, including public documents and interviews.

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Abbreviations

14K	Triad group based in Hong Kong
ASALA	Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia
ATF	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
AUC	Autodefensas Unidas de Colômbia
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CPC	Communist Party of China
CSIS	Canadian Security Intelligence Service
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DGSE	Directorate-General for External Security
FARC	Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FSLN	Sandinista National Liberation Front (Spanish: Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional)
GRU	Main Intelligence Directorate (Russian: Glavnoye Razvedyvatel'noye Upravleniye)
IBMND	Intelligence Bureau of the Ministry of National Defense
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate
KGB	Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti
KMT	Kuomintang
LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
MI6	Secret Intelligence Service (Military Intelligence Section 6)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organization
NKVD	People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs (Russian: Narodnyi Komissariat Vnutrennikh Del)
NSA	National Security Agency
NSB	National Security Bureau of the Republic of China
NSC	National Security Council
OSS	Office of Strategic Services
PCC	Primeiro Comando da Capital
PDPA	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

PKK	Kurdistan Workers' Party
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PRC	People's Republic of China
RAF	Red Army Faction (German: Rote Armee Fraktion)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
URFET	United Revolutionary Front of East Turkestan
US	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VTNRP	Military-Labour People's Revolutionary Party (Russian: Voennno-Trudovaya Narodnaya Revolyutsionnaya Partiya)



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