From the USA to Greece, from China to Brazil, all across the world, we are suffering from the effects of 2008 global economic meltdown. The crisis is said to have been influenced by flawed financial policies, law-breaking and ignorance. Who were the offenders? More easily is perhaps to find those who were harmed by these actions, namely the poor. Far from crisis scenario, tax fraud and other financial crimes cause economic damage up to 20 times greater than that of traditional crimes in the Western world. This does not take into account the long term social harm and environmental impact that some businesses have as a result of questionable practices in countries of the Global South. Who are responsible for these actions?

We take the view that in order to respond to and prevent financial crime we need to reconfigure the way crime and harm are currently defined. In the workshop in Stockholm we take these issues forward with a discussion guided by renowned scholars in the field and the Swedish representatives of The Swedish Economic Crime Authority and The Swedish Tax Agency. The workshop aims at divulging the state-of-the-art research on finance, harm and white collar crime in a global perspective – an issue of relevance to researchers, decision makers and practitioners involved in financial crime prevention.

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Keynote speakers

Pia Bergman
The Swedish Tax Agency, Sweden

Pia Bergman is the National coordinator of the Tax Agency where she since 2006 is leading the work against serious economic and serious organized crime. She also leads a network of some 30 financial stakeholders of which about 20 are banks. The network aims to exchange experiences on crime approach and money laundering Pia chairs a multi-agency group working for changes to existing confidentiality rules, especially when it comes to joint work against the grosser crimes committed against the welfare state. She is also chairman of a group of government agencies, industry associations and trade unions. The group’s purpose is to jointly propose measures to strengthen healthy competition and reduces the market share of the criminal enterprises.

David Whyte
The University of Liverpool

David Whyte is Professor of Socio-legal Studies at the University of Liverpool where he teaches and researches on the relationship between corporate power and law. His most recent publications are How Corrupt is Britain? (ed., Pluto, 2015), The Corporate Criminal (Routledge, 2015, with Steve Tombs) and The Mythology of Business (Institute of Employment Rights, 2015). He is an Executive Committee member of the Institute of Employment Rights and an Advisory Board member of Corporate Watch.
Manuel Aalbers
University of Leuven, Belgium

Manuel B. Aalbers is associate professor of Human Geography at KU Leuven/University of Leuven (Belgium) where he leads an ERC project and research group on the intersection of real estate, finance and states [http://ees.kuleuven.be/refcom]. He has also published on redlining, social and financial exclusion, urban neoliberalism, the privatization of social housing, neighborhood decline and gentrification. He is the author of *Place, Exclusion, and Mortgage Markets* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011) and the editor of *Subprime Cities: The Political Economy of Mortgage Markets* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012). He is also the associate editor of the *Encyclopedia of Urban Studies* (Sage, 2010) and of geography journal TESG.

Tina Søreide
The Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Tina Søreide is an Associate Professor of Law and Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Department of Accounting, Auditing and Law. Her research is focused on corruption, governance, markets and development, currently with an emphasis on criminal justice systems. She has given academic courses in Political Economy and The Economics of Corruption. Her work is published in journals and books internationally, her most recent book being *Corruption and Criminal Justice: Bridging Economic and Legal Perspectives* (Edw. Elgar) to be released early 2016. Søreide has been engaged in various international assignments for policy purposes, including for the OECD, the EU, the World Bank, development agencies and governments - several times as the project leader.

Gregg Barak
The Eastern Michigan University, USA


Michael Benson
The University of Cincinnati, USA

Michael Benson is a Professor in the School of Criminal Justice. He has published extensively on white-collar and corporate crime in leading journals, including Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, and Social Problems. He received the Outstanding Scholarship Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Division on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency for his book, *Combating Corporate Crime: Local Prosecutors at Work*. His research has been funded by the National Institute of Justice, the Centers for Disease Control, and private research foundations. He recently published the second edition of *Understanding White-Collar Crime: An Opportunity Perspective*. 
Stefan Lundberg  
The Swedish Economic Crime Authority, Sweden

Stefan Lindberg is the national coordinator of The Swedish Economic Crime Authority on crime prevention, which includes implementing the national strategy for the prevention of financial crime as well as being responsible for national collaborative framework in economic crime prevention.

Nubia Evertsson  
The Stockholm University, Sweden

Evertsson is a postdoctoral researcher in criminology at Stockholm University, Sweden, where she researches on the crimes of the powerful, more recently, on tax avoidance in large corporations cross-nationally and in a case study in Sweden. Recent publications include *Is the top leadership of the organizations promoting tax avoidance?* [Journal of Financial Crime 23(2), 2016], *A nested analysis of electoral donations* [Journal of Mixed Methods Research, 2015], *Political corruption as a form of state crime* [State Crime, Chambliss & Moloney (eds.), 2014].

Registration

Note that the workshop is free-of-charge but registration is mandatory by 10th October. Please email vania.ceccato@abe.kth.se.

Chairman

Vania Ceccato  
Mats Wilhelmsson

Venue/Directions

Kollegiesalen, Brinellvägen 8, KTH, Stockholm

From Stockholm’s central station, take the Red underground line towards Mörby centrum, get off at “Tekniska Högskolan” station. Take exit “Tekniska Högskolan” and then walk 6 minutes along Drottning Kristinas väg and Brinellvägen 8.

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