

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF THE COCAINE VALUE CHAIN

Cities are spaces of power, but what power structures shape contemporary urban life? This talk examines the governance of cocaine value chains linking cities across Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, and West Africa.

It explores the norms, values, and beliefs of the criminal world, alongside the role of illicit money and violent coercion as tools and resources of urban governance. I argue that the regulatory practices of illicit economies - and their transformation into urban space - are no longer marginal but central to global urban production.

This talk is based on long-term ethnographic research (2005-2025) conducted in urban peripheries, border zones, and port cities.

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