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## Thought Leadership - September 2024

Welcome to the September edition of our *Security and Risk Thought Leadership Newsletter* in which we connect you with innovative ideas and new research. In this edition:

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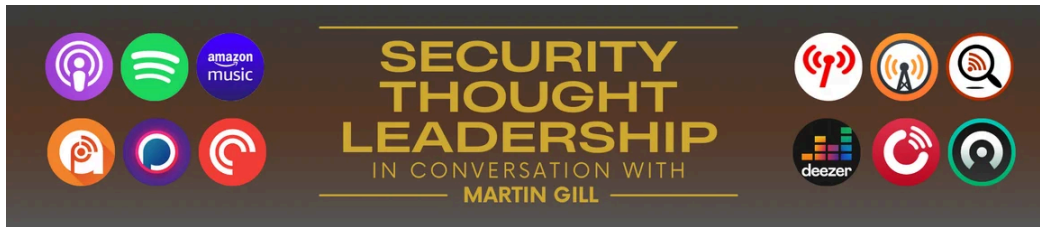
### New report on economic crime and strengthening partnerships

Perpetuity Research recently released a report, in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth and funded by the Dawes Trust, examining how police forces can more effectively tackle economic crime. The report reveals:

- Economic crime has reached unprecedented levels.
- Police resources are strained by limited budgets and expanding responsibilities.
- Despite this, law enforcement agencies are not fully leveraging the specialised skills, knowledge, and manpower available in the private and not-for-profit sectors.
- While some joint efforts exist, they are often restricted to basic data sharing, missing opportunities for deeper, more impactful collaboration.
- Significant barriers to collaboration persist, including differing objectives, mistrust, and reluctance to share information due to Data Protection concerns which need to be addressed.

The report calls on law enforcement agencies to strategically engage with external partners, unlocking untapped resources, specialised knowledge, and innovative solutions to better combat economic crime, protect the public, and improve policing outcomes.

To access the report: [www.perpetuityresearch.com/eco-crime-partnerships](http://www.perpetuityresearch.com/eco-crime-partnerships)



## Latest Security Thought Leadership Podcasts

We have now released fourteen episodes in our "Security Thought Leadership" podcast series, with each speaker offering unique insights into the security industry and its future. The latest two episodes feature interviews with Professor Sissel Jore from the University of Stavanger, Norway and Professor Joanna Shapland, from the School of Law, University of Sheffield.

### Professor Jore

Professor Sissel Jore is a recognised global expert with varied research interests including terrorism, counterterrorism, security risk management, and risk perception. She is the chair of the Security Defence Speciality Group and is an elected board member of the Nordic Society for Risk Analysis. She has made presentations and been a session chair at many international conferences.

In this podcast, she shares her journey into the field of security, detailing the challenges she faced in establishing her identity within a sector that, prior to the 2011 terror attack in Norway, often did not fully recognise the importance of security. She discusses the evolution of security as an academic discipline, explores the distinctions between security and safety, and offers insights from her recent work on security procurement, highlighting why purchasing security services can be particularly challenging.

### Professor Shapland

Professor Joanna Shapland is a Professor of Criminology at the University of Sheffield and formerly a Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, where she led the first major study of victims – an area she continues to explore as Executive Editor of the International Review of Victimology. Her pioneering research spans business crime, restorative justice, and desistance. She is currently engaged in research on the offending careers – over 14 years – of persistent offenders. Widely published and globally respected, her achievements earned her the British Society of Criminology's Outstanding Achievement Award in 2013.

In this podcast, she discusses her research on why and how offenders can be encouraged to desist from criminal behaviour, as well as the challenges in preventing persistent offenders from drifting back into crime. She explores the value of restorative justice, examining whether victims truly benefit from meeting offenders and how offenders themselves reflect on these encounters. Additionally, she questions whether a criminal justice system primarily focused on offenders can ever genuinely support victims – and why that issue is so important.

Episodes are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, and all major platforms. Tune in to hear from leading voices in security at [www.securityinconversation.com](http://www.securityinconversation.com), where you can also find direct links to your preferred platforms.



## Tackling Economic Crime Awards (TECAs) finalists announced

After a record number of entries this year, the finalists for the TECAs has been announced. [To read the finalists announcement, click here.](#)

The awards, which are sponsored by Altia, will be presented at a black tie gala dinner at the Novotel London West on Friday, 15 November 2024. [To book your tickets please click here.](#)

The afternoon will feature the second TECAs Thought Leadership Summit at the same venue. Sponsored by Greylist Trace and supported by the UK Fraud Forum, this year's theme, "Strength in Unity: Harnessing Collaboration to Combat Economic Crime", will bring together speakers from both the public and private sectors and also a panel session on data sharing. Speakers include

**Mark Cheeseman** – Public Sector Fraud Authority  
**Bernadette Lawrie & Lisa Mills** – Sussex Police & Victim Support  
**Arun Chauhan** – Tenet Law  
**Sara-Jill Lennard** – Cifas  
**Paul Maskall** – UK Finance

The summit provides a unique platform for professionals involved in combatting economic crime to network, exchange best practices, and discuss current challenges. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with industry leaders, refine your strategies, and engage with peers. [To secure your place at this event, please click here.](#)



### **New Research – Investigating Criminality in the Private Rented Sector**

Perpetuity Research has been commissioned by Leeds City Council to investigate how residential properties in the private rented sector (PRS) may facilitate criminal activity, particularly organised crime. Funded through the government's Pathfinder programme, the research aims to:

- Deepen the understanding of landlord criminality and its links to organised crime.
- Identify and share best practices while addressing existing barriers.
- Enhance collaboration among housing enforcement agencies within the PRS.
- Develop an online toolkit to reduce property-related crime in the PRS.
- Provide recommendations to the government.

If you are from a local authority housing enforcement team and want to take part in our survey [please click here.](#)

For more information or to contribute to the research, please contact Dr Janice Goldstraw-White, the lead researcher on this project at [j.goldstraw-white@perpetuityresearch.com](mailto:j.goldstraw-white@perpetuityresearch.com)



### **Germany OSPAs recognise the security industry's finest**

The Germany OSPAs were held on 18th September 2024, at Security Essen, bringing together security professionals to honour the finest achievements in the sector. This year, the competition was particularly fierce, making it challenging for the expert judging panel to select the winners. However, all finalists and winners showcased exceptional talent and dedication, truly representing the best in the industry.

To see the list of winners, [please click here.](#)

Pictured with Professor Martin Gill, Daniel Hirt picks up the 2023 trophy for Outstanding Security Partnership on behalf of the winners – University of Freiburg who were not able to attend the event last year.



## Finalists announced for the 2024 Australia OSPAs

We are excited to announce the finalists for the 2024 Australia Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs). Organised by the Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL), this year's event combines the 28th Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence, the 9th OSPAs, and the 13th Australian Security Medals Awards into a single celebration of industry achievements. Award recipients will be honoured at a special dinner on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Park Hyatt Melbourne.

For the list of finalists and more event information, [please click here.](#)



## Celebrating Excellence in Security, Safety and Fire Resilience

We have several upcoming events and open award opportunities. Please refer to the links below for full details:

Canada OSPAs – entries extended until 14<sup>th</sup> October: [ca.theospas.com/enter/](https://ca.theospas.com/enter/)

Romania OSPAs - entries open [ro.theospas.com/insciere-in-ospa](https://ro.theospas.com/insciere-in-ospa)

Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs) – sponsored by [AXA](#) – Entries now open until 14th January 2025 [www.thefreas.com/enter](https://www.thefreas.com/enter)

Workplace Violence Reduction Awards (WVRAs) – sponsored by [Maybo](#) – Entries now open until 14th January 2025 [www.thewvras.com/enter](https://www.thewvras.com/enter)

Security & Safety Entrepreneur Awards (SSEAs) – Entries now open until 21st January 2025 [www.thesseas.com/enter](https://www.thesseas.com/enter)

Kenya OSPAs – finalists announced [ke.theospas.com](https://ke.theospas.com)



## US OSPAs winners announced in Orlando

The winners of the 2024 US Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs), sponsored by Intel, were announced on Sunday, September 22nd, during a celebratory reception at GSX in Orlando. The event also featured the ASIS Awards of Excellence. These prestigious awards honour the top companies, individuals, projects, and technologies that have made outstanding contributions to protecting people,

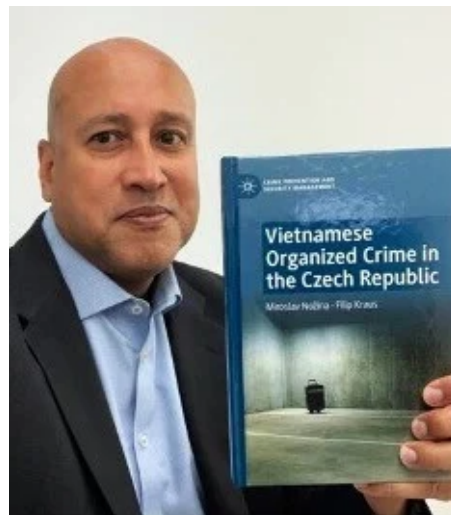
places, and property from various threats and disruptions. The calibre of nominations was exceptionally high, making the selection process especially challenging for the panel of 15 expert judges. All finalists and winners showcased excellence in their fields and should be immensely proud of their accomplishments

To read the full winners announcement, [please click here](#).



### Did you know? – The origins of “money laundering”

The term "money laundering" is rumoured to have originated from the Mafia's practice of buying laundrettes and using them to mix illegal earnings with legitimate cash. The cash-heavy nature of laundrettes made it easier to explain large amounts of money without raising suspicion. In more recent times, people have associated this practice with “washing dirty money clean”.



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### This Month's Quiz

Fit 11 six-letter words into the grid so that each links with the word on its left and beginning of the one on the right. Example: FISH [MARKET] TRADER. The letters in the shaded squares should reveal a security-related word. Please submit your one-word answer here [www.surveylegend.com/s/5mao](http://www.surveylegend.com/s/5mao) by Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. A winner will be selected at random from the correct entries and will receive a copy of the book 'Securing Mega-Events: Networks, Strategies and Tensions', by Chad Whelan and Adam Molnar, which is a part of Professor Martin Gill's 'Crime Prevention and Security Management series'.

Check back in next month's newsletter for the answer and a new quiz to enter.

### Featured here is Edward Nkune, quiz winner in June, proudly showing his prize.

The answer to August's quiz was 'Encryption'. The winner was Mike Gips, who will receive a copy of the book 'Preventing Crime and Disorder in Public Places: Blending Opportunity Reduction, Guardianship

and Welfare' by Tim Prenzler, which is the latest book in Professor Martin Gill's 'Crime Prevention and Security Management series'



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