

Workshop

Assets seized from organized crime: the role of administrations, local authorities, and civil society.

The workshop will address, from a national and comparative perspective, the legal and social aspects related to assets seized and confiscated from mafia, paying particular attention to the role of administrations, local authorities, and civil society in social reuse practices.

The workshop will consist of two presentations and one testimony, as follows:

- *Converting mafia assets into resources for the community, Leandro Limoccia*
- *Seized and confiscated assets from organised crime: a sociology of law perspective, Barbara Vettori*

The first presentation, by Leandro Limoccia, University of Naples Federico II, focuses on these practices to identify criticalities and strengths, including:

- giving a social soul and identity to assets confiscated from mafias: change and resilience;
- social reuse between norms and implementation difficulties;
- the figure of the Judicial Administrator;
- social role of confiscated property;
- some good practices of regeneration and social use of confiscated property.

The second presentation, by Barbara Vettori, University of Naples Federico II, addresses the relationship between the legal framework governing asset seizure and confiscation, on the one side, and society on the other, examining the following issues:

- relationship between law on the books and law in action (are confiscation policies effective?);
- law and social change (are confiscation policies keeping pace with new and emerging social needs)?;
- impact of confiscation laws on human rights (how far can we go to combat organised crime?) and society (what do citizens know about these assets? Do these assets have real cultural value?);
- law and new technologies (how can technological developments promote more socially oriented confiscation policies)?

Witness:

- *Confiscated lands: social agriculture, responsible tourism, employment to vulnerable groups. Critical issues and proposals, Salvatore Cacciola, President of the Mediterranean Observatory and Sicily Social Farms Network*