



## INVITATION

**DIW DC and the Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)**

*Cordially invite you to a luncheon book presentation*

**TROUBLED WATERS: PIRACY AND GOVERNANCE**

**Dr. Olaf de Groot, DIW Berlin**

Moderator: **Dr. Sidney Weintraub**  
Holder of the William E. Simon Chair, CSIS

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12-1:30 PM**

**The Center for Strategic International Studies, Room B1B  
1800 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006**

State failure, anarchy, and lack of infrastructure are obstructive to establishing any business, including illicit enterprises. The effect of governance on the emergence of crimes of different levels of sophistication is highly non-linear. Not only do legal businesses and criminal gangs benefit from improved governance, but even criminal activities decline with further improvements in governance. By using a unique dataset in which piracy is reported by ship-owners, the authors give a unique insight into crime in badly-governed countries. They show that profitable forms of piracy can flourish in countries where the state does not have the capacity to intervene and/or where bureaucrats can be bribed to turn a blind eye. However, piracy can thrive even in countries with stability and infrastructure.

**12:00 pm:** Registration and Buffet Lunch

**12:15 pm:** Speaker: Dr. Olaf de Groot, DIW Berlin

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