CRYPTOCURRENCY AND THE NEW ILLICIT ECONOMY



DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2026
TIME: 13:30-17:00 CET

STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
SVEAVÄGEN 65, 113 83 STOCKHOLM

PROGRAM

13:00-13:30 — **REGISTRATION (entrance to the venue)**

13:30-14:00 — **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

- **Rikard Westerberg** (Director of Centre for Statecraft and Strategic Communication) and **Torbjörn Becker** (Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics)
- **Alexandra Gillies** (Chief Impact Officer, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, OCCRP) and **Michael Hornsby** (Co-director, Anti-Corruption Data Collective, ACDC)

14:00–14:15 — **KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1**

- **Bernhard Haslhofer** (Faculty member and lead of the Digital Currency Ecosystem research group, CSH)

14:15–15:15 — **PANEL 1: EMERGING RISKS**

Panelists

- **Bernhard Haslhofer** (Faculty member and lead of the Digital Currency Ecosystem)
- **Emil Hellerud** (reporter at the TV4 investigative program “Hard Facts”)
- **Nick Smart** (Chief Intelligence Officer, Crystal Intelligence)
- **Daniela Balutel** (researcher/policy advisor and economist at the National Bank of Moldova)
- **Fredrik Tidqvist** (Head of Intelligence & Analytics, Swedbank)

Moderator: **Alexandra Gillies** (Chief Impact Officer, OCCRP)

15:15–15:30 — **COFFEE BREAK**

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15:30–15:45

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2

- **Kristine Baghdasaryan** (OSINT Researcher, Transparency International – Russia (in exile))

15:45–16:30

PANEL 2: REAL-WORLD CASES OF INVESTIGATING ILLICIT CRYPTO

Panelists

- **Kristine Baghdasaryan** (OSINT Researcher, Transparency International – Russia (in exile))
- **James Dowsett** (Regional Editor and Investigative Reporter, OCCRP)
- **Michael Hornsby** (Co-Director, Anti-Corruption Data Collective)
- **Gabriel Söderberg** (Associate Professor of Economic History, Uppsala University)

Moderator: **Anna Anisimova** (Researcher, SITE)

16:30–17:00

Q&A / FINAL REMARKS

- **Anna Anisimova** (Researcher, SITE)
and **Alexandra Gillies** (Chief Impact Officer, OCCRP)