

Hybrid Threats and Hybrid Truth: Towards a Criminology of Dark Disorder

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Amongst governments, there is a growing interest in hybrid threats. Adopted from military discourse (hybrid war), a hybrid threat discourse pushes civil society issues including public order, crime control and civic participation under a military/national security template. In this paper I explore security ordering through hybrid threat representations based primarily on a critical political reading of the reports, strategic analysis and working papers of the European Centre for Countering Hybrid Threats (HybridCoE). In this, I am concerned with what I refer to as dark disorder. I ask the question, are attributions of the strength, vitality, scale, and suitability of targets made by agents under the auspices of hybrid threat centres designations that as much discover as project dark disorder? I argue that a more nuanced understanding of hybrid threat may be found by situating analysis within a critical societal security discourse.

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