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Is there a Trend towards the Privatization of Security?

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Sociology Conference Room (Haaren Hall T520-28)



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In the academic literature and in public discourse the assumption can often be found that the protection of society from threats like terrorism, crime or natural disasters is a public good, which due to its nature has to be provided and financed by the state. At the same time there is a trend towards increased private provision of protection in order to achieve security. This raises the question if there is a shift from public to private provision of protection.

This talk will introduce the economics of security as an emerging field of study and will examine recent trends and developments in the security market in the United States and Germany. In Germany as in most European countries the private security sector is in fact growing at a faster pace than the economy as a whole.

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