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## About this book

This book presents primary research conducted in Italy, US, Australia and UK on countering strategies against Italian mafia and local organised crime groups. Through interviews and document interpretation, the book wishes first, to interpret the interaction between institutional perceptions of these criminal threats and historical events that have shaped these institutional perceptions. Second, the book combines analysis of policies and criminal law provisions to identify policing models against mafia and organised crime that are constructed in each country within a comparative perspective.

After presenting the policing models against mafia and organised crime in Italy, US, Australia and UK separately, the author pushes the comparison further by identifying both conceptual and procedural convergences and divergences across the four models and within international frameworks. By looking at topics as varied as mafia mobility, money laundering, drug networks and gang violence, this book wishes, ultimately, to reconsider the conceptualisations of both mafia and organised crime under a socio-behavioural and cultural perspective.

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