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He specialises in the geopolitics of illicit drugs in Asia with a special focus on the production, traffic and consumption of opiates (opium, morphine, heroin) in the 'Golden Triangle' (Burma, Laos, Thailand) and 'Golden Crescent' (Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan) areas. Research undertaken by Dr. Pierre-Arnaud Chouvy focuses on the geopolitical factors that explain why and how people and organisations resort to the economy of illicit drugs in Asia. Research conducted on trafficking itineraries extends the study of opium production areas to the rest of Asia: India, China, Central Asia, and Russia. The contexts and consequences of such resorts are numerous and further enrich the general initial focus: from the spread of HIV/AIDS along drug-trafficking routes to the role played by illicit activities in war economies.

Most recent research deals with: drug production and state stability; the economic role of opium in war economy contexts and in transitions to peace economies; the counter-productivity and unintended effects of rapid suppression of opium production; transition from alternative development to alternative livelihoods 'solutions'.

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