From Drug Traffickers to Human Smugglers: Ways To Explore Organized Crime

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What Do They Share in Common?

- Drug Trafficking Organizations
- Human Smuggling Organizations

Views on Organized Crime

- Structural
  - Corporate Model
  - Enterprise Model
  - Structural Continuum
- Social Networks
  - ethnic groups,
  - friends and family members, etc.

My Views on Exploring Organized Crime

Territorial

- Hierarchical with discernible leadership structure
- Command driven
- Clear division of labor
- Varied in sizes

Non-Territorial

- Non-hierarchical
- Task force orientation
- Collaborative rather than command driven
- Clear division of labor
- Small groups

Operations

Territorial

- Local or neighborhood
- Self-perpetuating with stable patron-client relationship
- Tendency towards monopoly
- Official corruption

Non-Territorial

- Trans-territorial
- Short term projects
- Entrepreneurial
- Rules and regulations set by participants
- Coordinated through specialized tasks
- Official corruption

Identity and Membership

Territorial

- Restricted/exclusive membership
- Recruitment based on connection and capability
- Time-honored traditions, rituals and code of conduct
- Life time membership
- Multi-generational

Non-Territorial

- Association through fortuitous social or family contacts
- Membership based solely on logistical needs
- No formal rituals
- No group identity or articulated organizational rules
- Membership operational and loyalty non-obgliatory

Role of Violence

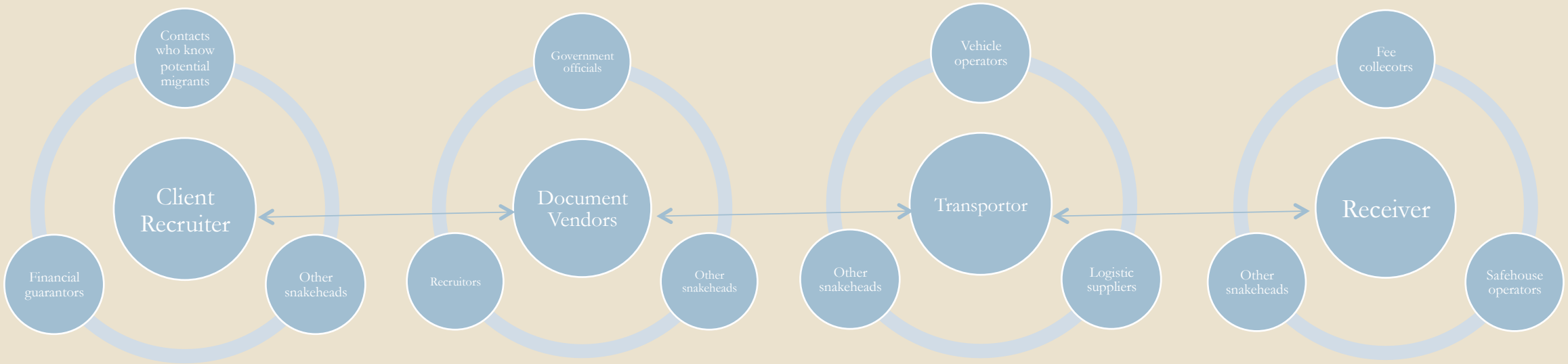
Territorial

- To enforce contract
- To eliminate competition
- To discipline group members
- To resolve inter-triad conflicts

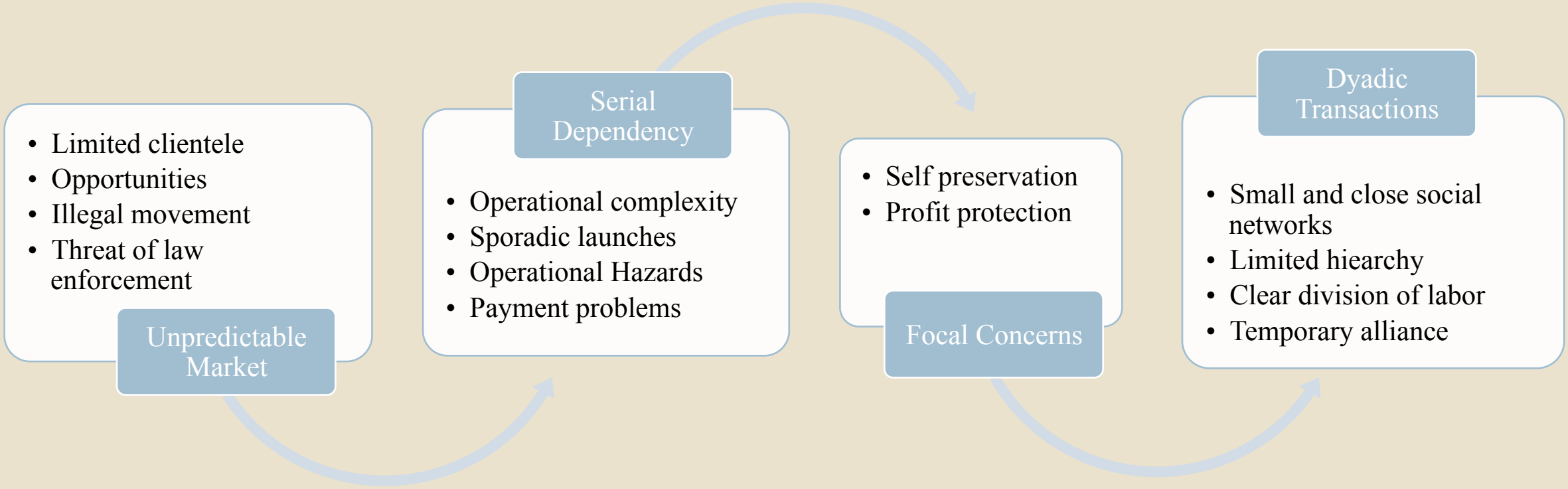
Non-Territorial

- To enforce contract
- To coerce client cooperation
- To maintain control during smuggling/trafficking operations

Dyadic Transactions



Sequential Uncertainty



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