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Social enterprise, crime, and ethics

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Social enterprises are widely claimed to be a solution, simultaneously, to both economic and social problems: they do good while sustaining themselves, or, put the other way around, they contribute to economic activity while achieving social purposes; thus their distinctiveness lies in their double (or triple, or multiple) bottom line, or in their 'hybrid' status.

Of course, there have been other hybrids in the past, before the emergence of the current wave of social enterprises, and there are hybrids beyond the boundaries (if there are any...) of the present social enterprise field.

Hezbollah, the Provisional IRA and FARC have all shown characteriristics of a similar hybridity in their policies and operations; in this seminar I suggest that hybridity may in itself be a problem, or the cause of a problem, rather than a solution, and that this perspective has implications for social enterprises generally.

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