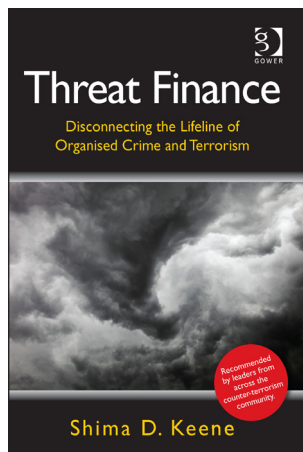


Threat Finance

Disconnecting the Lifeline of Organised Crime and Terrorism

Dr Shima D. Keene



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