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George Mason University Center for Excellence in National Security (CINA) continues to welcome input, and feedback to shape our portfolio and create partnerships for our shared mission. As the world continues to address risks not yet realized, we aim to partner with our members to collectively address questions and challenges that we cannot do this alone or in a vacuum. The combined COE-DHS network is formidable, but if there is one thing we have all learned, it is that we also have learned when to join forces, when to share, and when to get out of each other's way. This is why it is critical that we continue to work together across the network, and that we continue to support our members in their work.

Virtual Hearing - Ending Exploitation: Investigating the Business of Human Trafficking

The CINA Virtual Distinguished Speaker Series will host a virtual hearing to discuss the business of human trafficking. The hearing will focus on the role of financial systems in combating human trafficking and how the financial system can work to dismantle the business of human trafficking. The hearing will feature presentations from experts in the field.

Watch the Event

Distinguished Speaker Series

How the Financial System Can Work to Dismantle the Business of Human Trafficking

The two-year $400,000 grant from the CINA Department of Justice, along with Mason Assistant Professors Maurice D. Kugler and Foteini Chrysanthou, received a five-year $600,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to research the role of financial systems in combating human trafficking.

The grant will enable researchers to develop tools that can identify and track financial transactions associated with human trafficking. The tools will be used to identify and disrupt financial systems that support human trafficking.

Watch the Event

Paper Submissions

CINA Welcomes 2020-21 Open RFP White Paper Submissions

CINA continues to welcome paper submissions. If you have ideas intended to address questions and challenges that we continue to face in the near future, this rolling RFP provides an opportunity for COE researchers to connect and network with DHS components, federal, state, and local agencies, and industry.

Visit our website's virtual booth to learn more about the CINA Virtual Distinguished Speaker Series, the CINA and partner COE Centers of Excellence Summit 2021, the CINA Virtual Distinguished Speaker Series 2020-21 Open RFP, and the CINA Virtual Distinguished Speaker Series 2020-21 Open RFP white paper submissions.

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