Lessons on How Not to Disrupt Crime

Most investigations of transnational criminal networks follow a known group or commodity such as the Italian Camorra, Chinese triads, or rhino or elephant poachers. By having a focus on key actors and commodities, much falls outside the attention of investigators. This fascinating analysis of a global Romanian crime group reveals a gaping hole in our transnational crime investigations.

Read Dr. Louise Shelley’s article about how the OCCRP exposes a major transnational crime group.

COVID-19 White Paper

The spread of COVID-19 in the winter of 2019 and spring of 2020 and the associated response actions taken by governments, companies, and individuals represent a significant environmental change for many organisms, including networked criminal organizations.

Read the full white paper.

CINA Open RFP 2020-21

CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to address questions and challenges that CINA, DHS, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing in the near future. This is an open, rolling RFP, and will accept submissions at any time during the RFP open period (June 2020 – June 2021).

Check our website for more information.

CINA Summer Research Team

Welcome to Frank Xu of University of Baltimore’s School of Criminal Justice and Duminda Wijesekera of George Mason University’s Volgenau School of Engineering to the CINA Summer Research Team.

The program seeks to engage faculty led teams of undergraduate and graduate students, in research that provides opportunities to better understand the mission and research needs of DHS, strengthen the talent pool of scientists and engineers, and conduct collaborative research of mutual interest to the Team, the DHS Center and DHS.

Read more about the program.

2021 COE Summit

The 2021 COE Summit will occur in May 2021. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. Visit the web page and read more about the 2020 COE Summit.

Visit our website to learn more about current and past events hosted by CINA.

You’re invited to submit article ideas, photos, videos, and story ideas to include in upcoming newsletters. Submit your ideas on our website.

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CINA's Policy on Diversity and Inclusion:

Since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security established the CINA Center at George Mason University in 2017, we have worked hard to hire and retain more Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to conduct research of consequence. To educate and inform MSI students and faculty, and to develop a diverse and highly capable workforce for DHS. We are proud of that work and honored to be a part of their accomplishments and contributions.

We are a good collaborators, and we have learned about what MsIs are doing perfectly, and for that, we are also grateful. We look forward to contributing as a part of the important work that these schools and networks continue to conduct at high levels of excellence, and increase their future potential as we move toward increased diversity, inclusiveness, equity, and excellence.