THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jim Jones

On August 26, 2020, the CINA Dean hosted a discussion on “How New Normal is Normal” moderated by Dr. Benjamin S. Honaker, School of Policy and Government, and John Carder, School of Foreign Affairs, with a panel of experts from various public and private organizations.

The panel debated how the “new normal” is affecting how we live, work, and interact today. They summarized how the pandemic has highlighted the importance of digitalization, flexibility, and resilience.

The key takeaways were:

1. The digital divide between lower-income and lower-middle-income countries is widening.
2. Technology adoption has accelerated but with increasing inequality.
3. There may not be a “new normal” but rather an evolution of norms.
4. A long-term commitment to the resilience of institutions is necessary.

The panelists agreed that the pandemic has shown the importance of digitalization in education, healthcare, and economic stabilization.

CINA Open RFP 20-21

CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to reduce crime and increase research project agility and timeliness, continued a multi-year effort to improve the collection and sharing of data, and supports three MSI Summer Research Teams, all while managing a director transition and the effects of the pandemic.

The Annual Meeting reflected on the last 12 months during which we helped plan and execute the second COE Summit, positioned three research projects for transition, launched the second COE project on cartel smuggling, moved our Distinguished Speaker Series and other events online, produced a white paper on trust in the banking ecosystem’s risk and compliance controls by setting up fake online businesses and laundering. The talk highlights how criminal organizations circumvent the payments and discuss how credit card transactions have increasingly become a conduit for money laundering.

A promising alternative to policing high-risk streets

There is no shortage of innovative strategies to stem the violence that frequently plagues high-risk streets. A promising alternative to policing high-risk streets is the development of social networks. By utilizing social networks, law enforcement agencies can partner with the community to prevent crime before it occurs. This strategy not only reduces crime but also strengthens relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Payment Ecosystem: Cybercrime Through the Online Virtual Event/Transaction

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Online Commercial Sex Ads: Serving Institutions.

Friday, September 18, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

TransnationalCrime Virtual Panel Discussion

Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security and Transnational/Crime Virtual Panel Discussion

September 15, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

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