

# Seminar

Center for the Administration of Justice

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8:30am | MARC Pavilion



## Regional Perspectives on Transnational Organized Crime in Latin America the Caribbean

Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) penetration of states is deepening, leading to co-option in a few cases and further weakening of governance in many others. The apparent growing nexus in some states among TOC groups and elements of government-including intelligence/security services-and high-level business figures represents a significant threat to economic growth and democratic institutions. While differing from terrorist groups in that TOC are not ideologically motivated, but interested in a larger share of illegal markets, both utilize intimidation and violence to achieve their goals. There is a growing body of evidence that indicates a criminal-terror nexus of both shared activities and locations. Similarly, addressing both of these types of crimes, present similar opportunities and challenges. This seminar will bring together U.S. military and civilian government officials; representatives from the region's governments; business groups; and academics and scholars to look at opportunities and challenges to combat TOC in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to set priorities in doing so.

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