

The Silk Road of Crime: Chinese Criminal Networks

Description

Chinese criminal networks have built a global illicit infrastructure and the Western Hemisphere is now a key battlespace. [Economic and Legal Warfare Project](#) hosted a fireside chat to discuss how Chinese criminal groups connect chemical suppliers, Mexican cartels, Latin American corruption, diaspora associations, digital scam syndicates, and sophisticated money-laundering pipelines that move billions across borders.

The result is a converging threat: transnational organized crime fused with authoritarian influence, illicit finance, and strategic competition.

Weâ??re joined by leading experts:

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Sebastian Rotella â?? Peabody Awardâ??winning investigative journalist at ProPublica; global expert on transnational crime, the fentanyl trade, money laundering, and the â??Flying Moneyâ?• Chinese laundering model; author of major investigations into Chinese criminal networksâ?? role in U.S.â??Mexico drug pipelines; author of four books on international organized crime (fiction and non-fiction).

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