

South America in Competition Conference: Bonus Episode 2

Description

Episode 140 is a bonus episode built out of conversations held with panelists from the 2025 Irregular Warfare Initiative and Special Operations Association of America South America in Competition Conference.

The South America in Competition Conference brought together over 250 researchers, practitioners, and members of industry for two days at the Carahsoft Headquarters in the DC area. The first day included panel discussions on irregular warfare challenges in the South America region. The second day included a detailed wargame with participation from a range of stakeholders, planned by the IWI Wargaming Division.

For this bonus episode, IWI Podcast Host [Jackie Giunta](#) recorded three short conversations with conference participants following their panel presentations.

First, IWI podcast host Jackie Giunta is joined by Dr. John Stockton, co-founder of Quantifind, Dave Cook from the Special Operations Association of America, and Dr. Ryan Berg from the Americas Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies to discuss using open source intelligence to track illicit financial networks. Next, Catherine Woods from the Institute for Financial Integrity discusses illicit financial flows and tools of economic statecraft to counter them. Last, Phil Fuster, a Vice President at SpyCloud, further discusses the importance of OSINT and the need to refocus on relationships in South America.

Introducing and closing the episode are [Doug Livermore](#), the IWI Director of Engagements, and [Umar Ahmed Badami](#), Director of the IWI Wargaming Division. They also both planned this major event. [Kyle Atwell](#) provided editorial support for this episode.

If you have an idea for a future event or war-game IWI should run, want to get involved in events, or want to [provide material support](#) so IWI can continue these important conversations â?? reach out to Doug or Umar directly.

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