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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Innovations In The Fight Against Corruption In Latin America

Beth Simone Noveck – Forbes: 9 December 2018

The Inter-American Development Bank published a report with recommendations on combating corruption. Particularly useful was a proposal to apply new technologies, including big data, block chain and collective intelligence, in the fight against graft.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bethsimonenoveck/2018/12/09/innovations-in-the-fight-against-corruption-in-latin-america/#df2f8b872bcd>

World Marks Anti-Corruption Day

Voice of America: 9 December 2018

“Corruption is a serious crime that can undermine social and economic development in all societies,” the United Nations said in a prepared statement. “No country, region or community is immune.” The U.N. said graft costs the world economy more than 5 percent of global gross domestic product, approximately \$2.6 trillion each year.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/world-marks-anti-corruption-day/4692242.html>

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Can East Africa sustain its promising anti-corruption efforts?

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Around the World, Anti-Corruption Drives Face the Law of Unintended Consequences

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Voters send decisive message against corruption in Peru

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UK at the forefront of international efforts to tackle corruption

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-at-the-forefront-of-international-efforts-to-tackle-corruption>

Inside China's corruption epidemic: Data survey shows who is taking what

<https://www.afr.com/news/world/caixin/inside-chinas-corruption-epidemic-data-survey-shows-who-is-taking-what-20181212-h190m7>

Corruption Charges Won't Bring Netanyahu Down

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2018-12-11/israel-s-benjamin-netanyahu-needn-t-fear-corruption-charges>

Government will explore modern technology to fight corruption-Bawumia

<https://www.businessghana.com/site/news/general/178101/Government-will-explore-modern-technology-to-fight-corruption-Bawumia>

Central American Activists Renew Efforts to Fight Elite Corruption

<https://www.ozy.com/politics-and-power/central-american-activists-renew-efforts-to-fight-elite-corruption/90852>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Considering Heroin-Assisted Treatment and Supervised Drug Consumption Sites in the United States

Beau Kilmer, Jirka Taylor, Jonathan P. Caulkins, Pam A. Mueller, Allison J. Ober, Bryce Pardo, Rosanna Smart, Lucy Strang and Peter H. Reuter – Rand: December 2018

The United States experienced a shattering 47,000 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2017. In response, communities have been trying a range of interventions, from increasing the availability of the antidote naloxone to upping treatment resources. But a Rand Corp. analysis concludes that it's time to offer pharmaceutical-grade heroin as a form of supervised treatment for heroin users who haven't had success with other treatments.

https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR2693.html

With Wide-Spread Legalization of Marijuana, Has A Public Employer's Ability to Test for Marijuana Gone up In Smoke?

The National Law Review: 10 December 2018

With the growing legalization of marijuana in the U.S. and Canada, can an employer ensure employees are following company drug policies?

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/wide-spread-legalization-marijuana-has-public-employer-s-ability-to-test-marijuana>

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Pope Francis Calls to Fight Drug Trafficking and Consumption

<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=36459&SEO=pope-francis-calls-to-fight-drug-trafficking-and-consumption>

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan agree to intensify joint fight against drug trafficking in the region

<https://en.trend.az/casia/tajikistan/2987394.html>

New Mexican President Vows Military Will Tackle Drug Crime

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/8991-new-mexican-president-vows-military-will-tackle-drug-crime>

A nice little earner – for everyone

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Mexican barons are the new Colombian drug trade orchestrators

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Do supervised drug consumption facilities save lives?

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Testimony: Mexico's 'narco' crisis

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'Cash Luna' Corruption Case May Reveal Guatemala Nexus of Drugs and Religion

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/guatemala-pastor-drug-trafficker-links-highlight-church-power/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Illegal Mining, 'Worse Than at Any Other Time,' Threatens Amazon, Study Finds

Shasta Darlington – The New York Times: 10 December 2018

An increase in small-scale gold mining has taken a toll on the Amazon, increasing deforestation and polluting waterways, according to a new report. Mining in protected indigenous areas has increased exponentially.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/10/world/americas/amazon-illegal-mining.html>

Tech partnership to combat wildlife crimes online

ITWeb: 11 December 2018

With revenues up to \$23 billion in the illicit wildlife trade, it's time to try new approaches to combating poaching. The African Wildlife Foundation partnered with digital security firm Irdeto to combat poaching and wildlife crimes online. The organizations will use cyber security services to investigate, identify and disrupt the sale of animal parts on the internet.

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/j5alr7Ql9g1vpYQk>

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Social marketing campaigns can help threatened wildlife species recover

<https://phys.org/news/2018-12-social-campaigns-threatened-wildlife-species.html>

Stopping wildlife crime with the help of local communities

<https://economist.com.na/40453/environment/stopping-wildlife-crime-with-the-help-of-the-local-communities/>

SPECIAL REPORT: Changing the behaviour of society can help end wildlife trafficking

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EAC states take on wildlife crime

<https://observer.ug/news/headlines/59455-eac-states-take-on-wildlife-crime>

The brutal new threat to Africa's lions

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“Authorized Plunder”: Report on Illegal Logging in Guinea Bissau

<https://allafrica.com/view/group/main/main/id/00065415.html>

International experts were shocked by the scale of illegal logging in the Carpathians

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Peru's Brazil nut harvesters learn to monitor forests with drones

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/12/perus-brazil-nut-harvesters-learn-to-monitor-forests-with-drones/>

Turkey's illegal mining problem

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US, Ecuador Train Together to Eradicate Illegal Fishing

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/us-ecuador-train-together-eradicate-illegal-fishing>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Global Compact for Migration: what is it and why are countries opposing it?

Marcia Vera Espinoza, Leila Hadj-Abdou and Leiza Brumat – The Conversation:

7 December 2018

More than 160 countries have signed a historic agreement to cooperate on managing migration following months of international controversy. The debate over the Global Compact for Migration, the first of its kind, has proven to be a pivotal test of the U.N.-led effort to crack down on a worldwide industry that smuggles people across borders.

<https://theconversation.com/global-compact-for-migration-what-is-it-and-why-are-countries-opposing-it-106654>

Many worldwide oppose more migration – both into and out of their countries

Phillip Connor and Jens Manuel Krogstad – Pew Research Center: 10 December 2018

People across the world are increasingly losing their enthusiasm for migration, according to a new study by the Pew Research Center.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/12/10/many-worldwide-oppose-more-migration-both-into-and-out-of-their-countries/>

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HK can't be in denial over human trafficking problem

<http://www.ejinsight.com/20181212-hk-cant-be-in-denial-over-human-trafficking-problem/>

Central Asian Governments Improve Regional Cooperation in Combating Human Trafficking

<http://afghanistan.iom.int/press-releases/central-asian-governments-improve-regional-cooperation-combating-human-trafficking>

To stop human trafficking, we need to follow the money: Cooper

<https://globalnews.ca/video/4750497/to-stop-human-trafficking-we-need-to-follow-the-money-cooper>

Survivors of human trafficking need more support

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Central American migrants pay as much as \$10,000 to be smuggled into the US

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Turkey detains 251,794 irregular migrants, deports 53,860 people in 2018

<https://menafn.com/1097810520/Turkey-detains-251794-irregular-migrants-deports-53860-people-in-2018>

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<https://euobserver.com/opinion/143650>

EU Migration Policy Bears No Relation to Reality

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Quo Vadis ICANN?

Klaus Stoll and Sam Lanfranco – CircleID: 11 December 2018

The inability of internet bodies such as the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to create a viable, effective and legitimate multistakeholder system of internet governance threatens the internet.

http://www.circleid.com/posts/20181211_quo_vadis_icann/

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<https://venturebeat.com/2018/11/30/google-led-amp-project-unveils-advisory-and-steering-committees-as-part-of-open-governance-model/>

(Global) New forms of governance needed to safely and ethically unlock value of data

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252453506/New-forms-of-governance-needed-to-safely-and-ethically-unlock-value-of-data>

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<https://qrius.com/its-time-to-strengthen-global-digital-cooperation/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Google CEO doesn't rule out censored search engine in China

Nicholas Sakelaris and Danielle Haynes – UPI: 11 December 2018

Google CEO Sundar Pichai said the internet giant has no solid plans for a censored version of its search engine specifically aimed at the Chinese market.

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(China) State Censorship, the 'Great Firewall' & VPNs in China

<https://www.techshout.com/security/2018/12/state-censorship-the-great-firewall-vpns-in-china/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

China Is Now the Greatest Threat to Americans' Privacy

Eli Lake – Bloomberg: 13 December 2018

United States citizens are used to looking over their shoulders to find their government is violating their privacy. But now they face a much bigger threat – China.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2018-12-13/marriott-hack-china-is-greatest-threat-to-americans-privacy>

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Egypt launches its 2020-2017 national cybersecurity strategy

Ecofin Agency: 12 December 2018

The Egyptian Supreme Cybersecurity Council launched a new national strategy for 2017-2021.

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<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/blockchain-technology-european-unions-global-leadership/55622/>

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<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/421252-russia-ramps-up-cyber-warfare-as-it-loses-economic-footing-in-ukraine>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

House Cyber Report: Current Defenses Are Inadequate

John Eggerton – Multichannel News: 7 December 2018

The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations released recommendations for addressing cyber security vulnerabilities that included a call to strengthen public/private partnerships. "Traditional information technology strategies seem largely ineffective at stemming the growing tide of cybersecurity incidents," the subcommittee report said.

<https://www.multichannel.com/news/house-cyber-report-current-defenses-are-inadequate>

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(EU) Member States and Commission to work together to boost artificial intelligence 'made in Europe'

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(Russia, Global) Another Episode of Russian Information Warfare and Active Measures

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Chinese Internet Court Uses Blockchain to Protect Online Writers' Intellectual Property

Adrian Zmudzinski – CoinTelegraph: 8 December 2018

An internet court in Hangzhou province in eastern China is using blockchain to help writers fight the unauthorized use of their material, according to China.org.cn.

<https://cointelegraph.com/news/chinese-internet-court-uses-blockchain-to-protect-online-writers-intellectual-property>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Internet milestone reached: More than 50 percent go online

Modern Diplomacy: 8 December 2018

The United Nations telecommunications agency announced that 3.9 billion people – roughly half of the world’s population – will be using the internet by the end of this year.

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2018/12/08/internet-milestone-reached-more-than-50-per-cent-go-online/>

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(Europe) EU negotiators agree on strengthening Europe’s cybersecurity

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cybercrime Damages \$6 Trillion By 2021

Cybersecurity Ventures: 13 December 2018

The toll from cyber crimes is expected to surpass \$6 trillion in the next three years, according to a report by Cybersecurity Ventures. No crime is growing faster in the United States than cyber crime, and it is increasing in scope and sophistication, the company said.

<https://cybersecurityventures.com/cybercrime-damages-6-trillion-by-2021/>

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(EU) Fresh EU Directive strengthens powers against financial cyber fraud

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INFORMATION SHARING

Federal Agencies Met Legislative Requirements for Protecting Privacy When Sharing Threat Information

United States Government Accountability Office: 6 December 2018

The U.S. Government Accountability Office issued a report highlighting the success of several federal agencies in keeping information secure and private while sharing cyber threat indicators as part of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-114R>

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<https://www.executivegov.com/2018/12/dod-sets-schedule-to-deploy-unified-platform-to-integrate-cyber-ops/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Global hacking campaign targets critical infrastructure

Steven Musil – CNET: 12 December 2018

A global phishing campaign called Operation Sharpshooter used fake job recruitment documents to infect defense, government and critical infrastructure organizations with a malicious backdoor implant, presumably for cyber espionage.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

'We're entering a very risky period': Experts say ISIS not defeated, just transforming

Agence France-Presse: 13 December 2018

ISIS is returning to its guerrilla warfare tactics, taking on tribal leaders, government officials, police and members of the armed forces. In a television interview last month, the Iraqi Kurdish leader Massud Barzani said that ISIS "is not defeated and will not be ended easily. ISIS was on the ground, now they are underground."

<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/middle-east/were-entering-a-very-risky-period-experts-say-isis-not-defeated-just-transforming>

'Terrorist' as job title: The professionalization of ISIS

Francesca Astorri – Al Arabiya: 7 December 2018

As foreign fighters return home, there is a chance that several thousand well-trained fighters will be looking for work. "No one knows how the returnee threat is going to play out, but it might lead to a professionalization of attacks," said Peter Neumann, director of the International Center for the Study of Radicalization at King's College in London.

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<https://www.voanews.com/a/attacks-continue-as-iraq-marks-one-year-since-islamic-state-victory/4690659.html>

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<https://eurasianet.org/tajikistan-from-childhood-outcast-to-islamic-state-propaganda-guru>

Now Academics Studying ISIS Are Feeling The Heat Of An Internet Crackdown

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Battered ISIS Keeps Grip on Last Piece of Territory for Over a Year

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/09/world/middleeast/isis-territory-syria-iraq.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

When Jihadis Kill Jihadis: The Implications of Militant Infighting

Tore Hamming – World Politics Review: 13 December 2018

While still a definite threat to the public, terrorists have now become a threat to one another. Though they are not apt to kill each other, this intra-terrorist conflict damages the organizations involved.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/26981/when-jihadis-kill-jihadis-the-implications-of-militant-infighting>

Hezbollah Threat to Western Hemisphere as ‘Dangerous’ as ISIS, Top US Official Warns

Algemeiner: 11 December 2018

Hezbollah is “just as dangerous and just as close” as ISIS, and operates within “our own borders,” a senior U.S. State Department official warned diplomats from 12 countries.

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2018/12/11/hezbollah-threat-to-western-hemisphere-as-dangerous-as-isis-top-us-official-warns/>

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<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2018/Dec-07/471143-another-hezbollah-israel-war-on-the-brink.ashx>

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<http://www.atimes.com/why-pakistan-will-not-give-up-terrorism/>

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

How AlQaeda and ISIS Teach Central Asian Children: Different Methods, Common Goals

Uran Botobekov – Modern Diplomacy: 11 December 2018

The recruiting and teaching methods of al-Qaida and ISIS in Central Asia are compared, focusing on children and youth ideological education.

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2018/12/11/how-alqaeda-and-isis-teach-central-asian-children-different-methods-common-goals/>

German jails ill-equipped to handle inmate radicalization

Ralf Bosen – Deutsche Welle: 13 December 2018

Europe has a problem with prison overcrowding and the inability to separate criminals from radicals. The head of Germany's prison officer union says it's a lack of resources that can be blamed for the potential radicalization of prisoners serving time there.

<https://www.dw.com/en/german-jails-ill-equipped-to-handle-inmate-radicalization/a-46730800>

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De-radicalisation? Not now

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