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Dangerous Liaisons: Organized Crime and Political Finance in Latin America



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in Classrooms and Business Building (CBB) 120***

The noticeable expansion of organized crime in Latin America over the past two decades – especially drug trafficking – has substantially increased the threat to the integrity of democratic processes in the region. Latin American countries have enacted a number of reforms to regulate the role of money in political campaigns, but the troubling and perverse relationship between criminal syndicates and politics remains. As the 2014 political season approaches, it is increasingly important to address the glaring gap in our understanding of this phenomenon.



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