



Cornwallis XVII: Analysis of Trafficking and Transnational Threats

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Updated Call for Papers and [Registration](#)

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Cornwallis Group on *Analysis of Trafficking and Transnational Threats* will be held at *the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York*. The complexity of conflicts is not a new theme to Cornwallis participants. In fact, in the course of the sixteen prior assemblies, it has only shed light on how deep that complexity goes. As we've explored the issues ranging from counter-insurgency, multi-agency, civil-military, counter-terrorism, to topics as broad as the future ad hoc, the players in conflict prove to be as influential as the theories and policies about it.

Cornwallis XVII will explore the players and policies involved in the illicit affairs of conflict. Refugees seeking to escape war and poverty become victims of human trafficking, often taken to a life as difficult as or worse than the one they came from. The market for illegal drugs is estimated to but upwards of \$3 billion a year. Pirates off the coast of East and West Africa, as well as in southern coasts of Asia disrupt the global economy and restrict movement by sea.

Weapons trafficking can be as large as the A. Q. Khan network or as small as a local soldier selling off his Kalashnikov. Corruption can be global including international businesses, many governments, and organized crime syndicates, or it can be the local business owner bribing the police to look the other way.

In all cases, the tentacles reach out, and transnational threats corrode the chance of sustainable peace and security. Governments, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and non-state actors push and pull the focus of transnational threats, vying for their priorities to top the heap. The questions of jurisdiction and legality lead to confusion and enmity of the multiple players and agencies and are used to the advantage of those working in the illicit markets.

These are just a few of the examples of messy problems inherent in transnational threats. As the players and policies address border control, maritime security, criminalization and decriminalization, international treaties, non-binding agreements, and all the other tools at their disposal, we, the operational analysts, explore the efficacy and impact of those

efforts.

The Program Committee encourages the submission of papers in this theme of an analytic or descriptive nature in the following and related areas:

- National and International Security
- Security Sector Transformation
- Resource Management and Policy-making,
- Economic Development,
- International Banking and Trade,
- Governance and the Rule of Law, and
- Near term demographic change.

Consideration of the need to develop policies that extend beyond national boundaries is encouraged. Modern countries are organized - by law - in terms of domestic and international operations yet the threats and hazards faced by those countries are becoming larger in scope and involve actors that do not recognize national and international laws.

Developing an understanding of the causes and effects responsible for the emergence and impact of new conflict drivers is of significant importance. Such an understanding could facilitate production of new methods for providing operational and strategic early warning of future threats. Construction of new methods for complex societal infrastructure management, resource allocation, and violence mitigation could be undertaken.

Cornwallis XVII seeks to widen the understanding of the nature of conflict and the roles played by the limits on human behavior imposed by the overall planetary environment within which we live. Your active participation in our discussions is enthusiastically encouraged. Unfortunately, the Cornwallis Group cannot subsidize travel or expenses.

Cornwallis XVII will continue to allow for the full hour per presentation that is the hallmark of the Cornwallis Group workshops. This year, papers and presentation should be releasable to be published on TheCornwallisGroup.org web site directly. We are no longer publishing printed proceedings but are making the proceedings directly available to those who might find them of use (<http://www.thecornwallisgroup.org/workshops.php>)

The Cornwallis Group is a self funding organization currently supported administratively by George Mason University. A block of rooms have been put on hold for \$139 plus tax at The Thayer hotel on the campus of the United States Military Academy. Please call and reserve your room soon as the hold will be released in late March and the room rates may well go up. Contact The Thayer at (845) 446-4731 (<http://www.thethayerhotel.com>) and reserve directly mentioning the Cornwallis Group.

The registration fee this year is \$350 per attendee. This includes all administrative costs, local workshop transportation, refreshments and the meet and greet on Sunday the 1st and the workshop banquet Wednesday 4 April. Other meals and lodging as well as

transportation to The Thayer are not included. West Point is served by several airports in the region including New York, Newark and Stewart. Please go to the registration site at (<http://www.regonline.com/cornwallisxviianalysisoftraffickingandtransnationa>) and register to hold your place at the workshop.

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