Legalizing the Drug Wars: A Regulatory History of UN Drug Control

This event will feature a presentation from Dr John Collins (GI-TOC Director of Academic Engagement) of his December 2021 book on the history of UN Drug Control.

The book is the first fully-focused history of the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs. As the CND responds to emerging challenges and realities of the World Drug Problem, in the wake of the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS 2016), the event will aim to use lessons from history to understand how the UN Drug Control system continues to shape national approaches to narcotic drugs, and what changes we can expect in the future. Knowledge gained from these lessons and expected changes can help to identify new approaches to public policy, including finding ways to lessen drug market related crime and its impacts on victims and communities.

AGENDA:

- Welcome from the moderator – Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director of the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
- Opening Remarks – Dr Robert Peacock, President of the World Society of Victimology
- Book presentation – Dr John Collins, Director of Academic Engagement, GI-TOC
- Pre-recorded video statement from Ambassador Lindsay Skoll – Permanent Representative of the UK to the UN in Vienna
- Response from Ambassador Umej Bhatia – Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN in Vienna and Geneva
- Response from Ambassador Luis Javier Campuzano Pina – Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in Vienna
- Q&A for the author from panellists and other online participants.
- Closing remarks from the Moderator.