

33 sessions of 75 minutes each
16 consecutive hours

4 November 2026

► Deadline for applications: 16 September 2026

► A 16-hour virtual conference
accommodating a global
audience in all time zones.

► Open to presenters and
attendees without fees.

► Room for audience
interaction with questions
and discussions.

About the conference

2020 marked the start of a global pandemic and the world's first 24-hour virtual conference on global organized crime, #OC24. Since then, five editions of OC24 have taken place, bringing together researchers and practitioners from all over the world at a scale and in a way that a physical conference cannot match.

With various and innovative session formats, the previous six editions of #OC24 from 2020 to 2025 each attracted more than 10 000 participants worldwide.

This year, we're excited to host a larger version of the conference, which will bring together 100+ leading organized crime scholars and practitioners to present and discuss a wide range of topics, including human trafficking, drug trafficking, cybercrime, corruption, and the impact of climate change on organized crime worldwide.



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Participants worldwide



100+

Scholars and practitioners
from over 45 countries



16 hours

Accessible across
all time zones

**FREE TO PARTICIPATE
AND FREE TO ATTEND**

*We encourage speakers from diverse backgrounds,
particularly those from the Global South and early
career researchers, to participate.*

Previous OC24 conferences' session recordings, videos and other material can be viewed here:
<https://oc24.heysummit.com/replays/>

► Possible topics

Drug trafficking, the role of gender in organized crime, illicit trade and counterfeiting, organized crime and the environment, the impact of conflict on organized crime, technological developments and organized crime, and any other topics related to organized crime.

► Audience and participants

Academics, practitioners, policy-makers, journalists, students and others working on or interested in organized crime

Regular panel session (RPS):



a moderator and three or four panelists, limited to 10-minute presentations on the latest research. Introductions by the moderator, followed by 30 minutes of presentations (3 x 10) and Q&A. Submit individual submission proposals to Dina Siegel d.siegel@uu.nl or full panel submissions to Jay Albanese jsalbane@vcu.edu

Book presentation and interview session (BPS):



a moderator will interview a recent (2023–2026) book author, or the author(s) present(s) a short summary of their book, followed by an interview with the online audience submitting questions. Submit full session proposals to Felia Allum f.s.allum@bath.ac.uk

Video and visual session (VVS):



short and recent videos, documentaries, photographs, art work, music / audio and visual materials related to organized crime are viewed during this session. These can be documentary, educational, artistic or journalistic in nature. Creators and discussants will interact with the virtual audience. Submit full session proposals to Jay Albanese jsalbane@vcu.edu



Session #	11 session time slots beginning as follows	New York	Amsterdam	Sydney
1	Sessions begin every 90 minutes for 16 hours All sessions 75 minutes in length	(Nov 4) 02:00	(Nov 4) 08:00	(Nov 4) 18:00
2	Second session	03:30	09:30	19:30
11	Last session	17:00	23:00	(Nov 5) 9:00

Please note that this year's event is bringing back the book and video presentation sessions. We hope this will bring attention to, and encourage discussions about, some of the wonderful books and videos published about organized crime in recent years.

English is the official language of the OC24 conference. If you or your panel's speakers plan to present in another language, please arrange your own interpreters for the session. Kindly inform us in advance if you'll be using interpreters so we can ensure the necessary technical support and register them in our system.

This year's event will feature 33 sessions across three parallel streams, an increase of 11 sessions since last year. This change reflects our aim to ensure a broad, inclusive, and balanced program that reflects diverse topics and geographic representation. We encourage you to submit proposals that are clear, concise and compelling.

Please send submissions no later than 16 September 2026.

Please address queries to iasoc@globalinitiative.net