

24 sessions of 60 minutes each
One continuous 24-hour conference

4 November 2026

► Deadline for applications: 16 September 2026

► A continuous 24-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, six 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 continuous 24-hour edition of the conference. Twenty-four sessions will run sequentially in one Zoom webinar, allowing participants to follow the full programme without choosing between parallel streams. Organized crime scholars and practitioners will discuss topics including human trafficking, drug trafficking, cybercrime, corruption and the impact of climate change on organized crime worldwide.



2 500+

Participants worldwide



100+

Scholars and practitioners
from over 45 countries



24 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.

► 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. After a brief introduction, each panelist presents for up to 10 minutes (30-40 minutes total); the remaining time is for audience Q&A and discussion. Submit individual proposals to Dina Siegel at d.siegel@uu.nl, or full panel proposals to Jay Albanese at 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 (2023–2026) 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 #	24 SESSION TIME SLOTS BEGINNING AS FOLLOWS	NEW YORK	AMSTERDAM	SIDNEY
1	Sessions run consecutively for 24 hours All sessions 60 minutes in length	(Nov 4) 02:00	(Nov 4) 08:00	(Nov 4) 18:00
2	Second session	03:00	09:00	19:00
24	Last session	(Nov 5) 01:00	(Nov 5) 07:00	(Nov 5) 17:00

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 24 consecutive 60-minute sessions in one continuous 24-hour Zoom webinar. Sessions will run back-to-back, with no parallel streams, so participants can follow the entire programme through a single webinar link. We encourage clear, concise and compelling proposals reflecting diverse topics and geographic representation.

Please send submissions no later than 16 September 2026.

Please address queries to iasoc@globalinitiative.net