Armed Actors and Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean

Desmond Arias, Associate Professor of Public Policy

On Thursday, 14 November, the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) will host Professor Desmond Arias for a discussion of the role of different types of armed actors in policy making and governance processes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Medellin, Colombia; and Kingston, Jamaica. His talk will show the varying effects of different types of armed dominance on local political and social life in each of these places. Professor Arias has recently joined the faculty of the School of Public Policy at George Mason University, and this will be his introductory lecture to the community.

He is the author of Drugs and Democracy in Rio de Janeiro: Trafficking, Networks, and Public Security (UNC Press, 2006) and co-editor of Violent Democracies in Latin America (Duke University Press, 2010). He has published articles in Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, the Journal of Latin American Studies, Policing and Society, Studies in Comparative International Development, and Qualitative Sociology. The United States Fulbright Commission, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Tinker Foundation have funded his research.

Introduction given by Dr. Louise Shelley, Director of TraCCC

Date: Thursday, November 14th, 2013, 12:00-1:30pm
Location: Room 113, Founders Hall
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Arlington, VA 22201
(Virginia Square Metro Stop)

Attendees are welcome to bring lunch; beverages will be provided
To RSVP, Please click here or contact Stu Mackenzie at traccc@gmu.edu / 703-993-9757