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## Dark Commerce: How a New Illicit Economy is Threatening Our Future

A book discussion with Dr. Louise Shelley - Moderated by Alan Bersin



*Dark Commerce* (Princeton University Press, 2018) examines how new technology, communications, and globalization fuel the exponential growth of dangerous forms of illegal trade—the markets for narcotics and child pornography online, the escalation of sex trafficking through web advertisements, and the sale of endangered species for which revenues total in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The challenges posed by this dark side of globalization to nation states and multilateral organizations will be explored.

- Date:** Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Noon-1:30 PM  
**Location:** Room TBD, Founders Hall Auditorium, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 (Virginia Square Metro Stop)  
**Info:** Event is free, refreshments are included  
**Parking:** Metered street parking is available around the building. Garage parking is available below Founders Hall at cost of \$15 for day

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