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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

AQ Podcast: What Happened To Anti-Corruption Efforts In Latin America

Americas Quarterly Online: 6 July 2023

Prosecutors, activists and journalists across the region continue their work of holding politicians and business leaders to account, but they face a more difficult environment.

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These lawyers want to change how Mexico thinks about corruption

Cody Copeland – Courthouse News Service: 6 July 2023

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US rallies international effort to combat synthetic drug trade

Willy Lowry – *The Nation*: 6 July 2023

The United States is launching a global coalition to combat the growing threat of fentanyl and Captagon.

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Habiba Rashid – *HackRead*: 9 July 2023

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Béatrice St-Cyr-Leroux – Phys.org: 6 July 2023

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

China's AI Regulations and How They Get Made

Matt Sheehan – Carnegie: 10 July 2023

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Shruti Sharma – Carnegie: 12 July 2023

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Recent Chinese cyber intrusions signal a strategic shift

Pukhraj Singh – The Strategist: 5 July 2023

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Manish Rai – The Geopolitics: 12 July 2023

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Gema Kloppe-Santamaria & Julia Zulver – Wilson Center: 27 June 2023

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