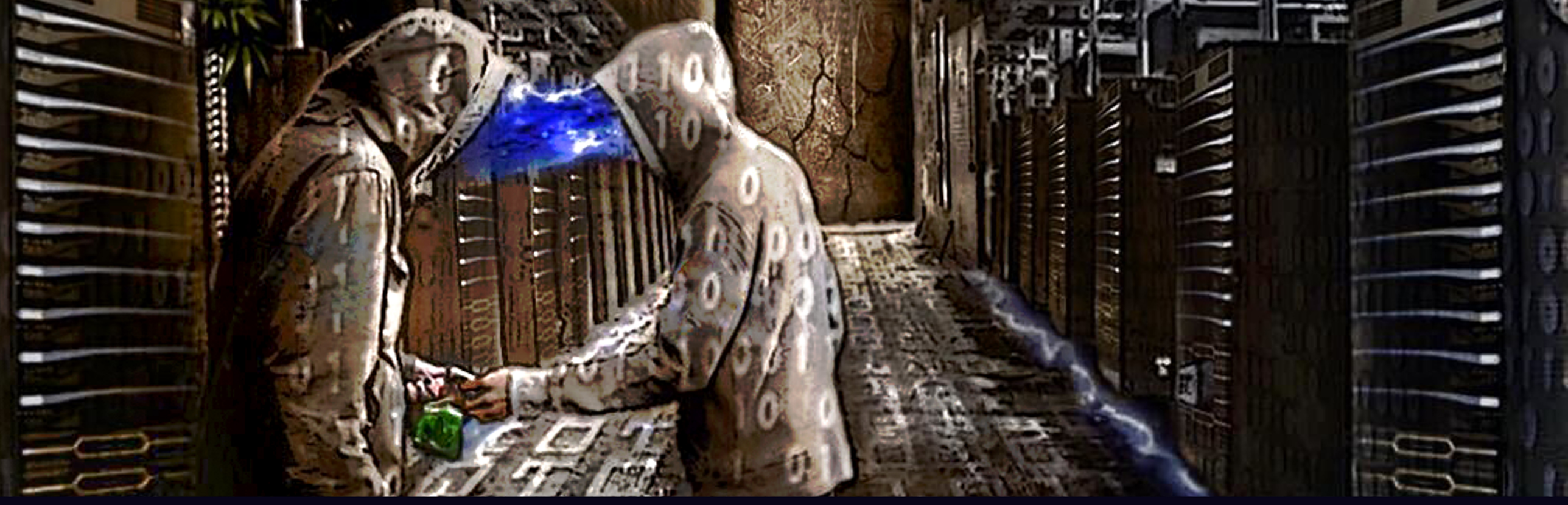

DRUG CRYPTO MARKETS BEYOND 2020:
POLICY, ENFORCEMENT, HARM, AND RESILIENCE

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Despite a number of high-profile and increasingly sophisticated law enforcement actions against drug cryptomarkets in 2017, 2018, and 2019, markets nevertheless continue to function in 2020. Although there has been a marginal decline in usage outside of Europe in the period 2018-2019, data suggests that purchases of drugs on cryptomarkets remain robust (and are increasing) in Europe. At the same time, the consequences of forceable market takedowns on personal and social harms, broader global drug flows, enforcement efficacy, and on the markets themselves remain opaque. This side event draws together and presents the most recent academic research in the field of drug cryptomarkets; seeking to augment the knowledge-base of domestic and international policy-makers and practitioners. The event affords an opportunity to engage with evidence-based perspectives presented by academics and high-profile NGO experts. Panel speakers include a mix of academics, government representatives, and civil society experts. Specifically, the event includes presentation and analysis of extant UN mandates and descended policy priorities, current law enforcement strategies and practices, personal and social harm considerations, market resilience, current and emerging technologies, and supply-side innovations. The event also affords an open discussion on future policy directions. The event is intended to provide a valuable opportunity for attendees to interact with leading academic and testing services working in the cryptomarket field. It is hoped that the event will provide attendees with useful analysis, as well as an opportunity for open discussion and relationship-building between the panel and attending delegates.

Speakers:

- **Fernando Caudevilla aka 'Doctor X', Energy Control (ABD)**
- **Judith Aldridge, University of Manchester (GDPO)**
- **Martin Horton-Eddison, Cardiff University (GDPO)**
- **Patrick Shortis, University of Manchester (GDPO)**

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