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OPI Seminar Program on Tech & Security

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Orion Policy Institute (OPI) hosted an online seminar program on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, between 10 am – 12:50 pm EST** to discuss the latest trends and strategies shaping the modern landscape of technology and international security.

The seminar schedule was as follows:

10:00 am – 10:50 am EST > **Ransomware and Cyberespionage** by Kurtis Minder, QBRIC.ai – Learn how cybercriminals and state actors exploit vulnerabilities to steal data, disrupt systems, and pressure governments and companies. The session will also highlight the tools and strategies being developed to counter these growing threats.

11:00 am – 11:50 am EST > **The Dark Web and Illicit Trafficking** by Matt Saglam, SOCRadar – Gain insights into the hidden online ecosystems where illegal trade in weapons, drugs, and human trafficking flourishes. Experts will unpack how these networks operate, why law enforcement faces major challenges, and what policy responses are emerging.

12:00 pm – 12:50 pm EST > **Unmanned Systems, Conflict, and Terrorism** by John Sullivan, Ret. Lieutenant, LASD – Explore how drones and other unmanned systems are changing the battlefield. From surveillance to weaponization, these technologies are altering terrorist tactics and military operations, raising urgent ethical and strategic questions.

A certificate will be provided to all participants on Monday, October 20, 2025!

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