How the use of the Internet is affecting drug trafficking practices – Dr Anita Lavorgna

The use of the Internet to sell drugs is a topic that has received increasing attention over the last decade, with an increasing number of studies on crypto-markets in the deep web and on the role of the surface web for the sale of new psychoactive substances. This class will focus especially on how the Internet is changing criminal modus operandi and social organisations in drug trafficking and on the challenges for researchers and law enforcement to better understand/counter this criminal activity.

# Task

Please write a short advisory document on how new technologies are affecting drug trafficking and how the policing of Internet-facilitated drug trade should evolve to better address this issue.

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