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This book explains how states informally regulate drug markets in Latin America. It shows how and why state actors, specifically police and politicians, confront, negotiate with or protect drug dealers to extract illicit rents or prevent criminal violence. The book highlights how, in countries with weak institutions, police act as interlocutors between criminals and politicians. It shows that whether and how politicians control their police forces explains the prevalence of different informal regulatory arrangements to control drug markets. Using detailed case studies built on 180 interviews in four cities in Argentina and Brazil, the book reconstructs how these informal regulatory arrangements emerged and changed over time.

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Abbreviations

Brazil

ADA	Amigos dos Amigos (Friends of Friends, Rio de Janeiro)
BOPE	Batalhão de Operações Especiais (Special Operations Battalion, Rio de Janeiro)
BPM	Batalhão da Polícia Militar (Military Police Battalion)
CIED	Centro Integrado de Educação (Integrated Education Center, Rio de Janeiro)
CPI	Comissão Parlamentar de Inquérito (Parliamentary Inquiry Commission)
CV	Comando Vermelho (Red Command, Rio de Janeiro)
DEIC	Departamento Estadual de Investigações Criminais (State Department of Criminal Investigations)
DENARC	Departamento Estadual de Prevenção e Repressão ao Narcotráfico (State Department of Prevention and Repression of Narcotics, São Paulo)
DHPP	Delegacia Estadual de Homicídios e de Proteção à Pessoas (State Division of Homicides and Personal Protection, São Paulo)
GPAE	Grupos de Policiamento de Áreas Especiais (Police Groups for Special Areas, Rio de Janeiro)
ISP	Instituto de Segurança Pública (Institute of Public Security)
PCC	Primeiro Comando da Capital (First Command of the Capital, São Paulo)
PCERJ	Polícia Civil do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Civil Police of the State of Rio de Janeiro)
PDS	Partido Democrático Social (Social Democratic Party)

PDT	Partido Democrático Trabalhista (Democratic Workers' Party)
PMDB	Partido do Movimento Democrático do Brasil (Brazilian Democratic Movement Party)
PMERJ	Polícia Militar do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Military Police of the State of Rio de Janeiro)
PSB	Partido Socialista Brasileiro (Brazilian Socialist Party)
PSDB	Partido da Social Democracia Brasileira (Brazilian Social Democratic Party)
PT	Partido Trabalhista (Workers' Party)
ROTA	Rondas Ostensivas Tobias de Aguiar (Tobias de Aguiar Ostensive Rounds, São Paulo)
SESEG	Secretaria de Segurança (Security Secretary, State of Rio de Janeiro)
SSP-SP	Secretaria de Segurança Pública (Secretary of Public Security, São Paulo)
TC	Terceiro Comando (Third Command, Rio de Janeiro)
UPP	Unidade de Polícia Pacificadora (Police Pacification Unit, Rio de Janeiro)

Argentina

ALIANZA	Alianza para el Trabajo, la Justicia y la Educación (Alliance for Work, Justice and Education)
AMIA	Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (Argentine–Jewish Mutual Aid Society, Buenos Aires)
CEVARESO	Centro Varelenso de Rehabilitación Social (Varela Center for Social Rehabilitation, Florencio Varela, Buenos Aires)
DSV	Double Simultaneous Vote (also Ley de Lemas, Santa Fe)
FPCS	Frente Progresista Cívico y Social (Progressive Civic and Social Front, Santa Fe)
FPV	Frente para la Victoria (Front for Victory), also PJ (Partido Justicialista)
FR	Frente Renovador (Renovation Front, Buenos Aires)
FREPASO	Frente País Solidario (Front for a Country in Solidarity)
GBA	Greater Buenos Aires
PJ	Partido Justicialista (Justicialist Party), also Peronist Party, Peronism
PS	Partido Socialista (Socialist Party, Santa Fe)
UCR	Unión Cívica Radical (Radical Civic Union)