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Dr. Evan Ellis is a research professor of Latin American Studies at the U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute with a focus on the region’s relationships with China and other non-Western Hemisphere actors, as well as transnational organized crime and populism in the region.

Dr. Ellis is the leading expert on China-Latin America military relations and has published over 250 works on the subject, including [*China in Latin America: The Whats and Wherefores*](#) (2009), [*The Strategic Dimension of Chinese Engagement with Latin America*](#) (2013), and [*China on the Ground in Latin America*](#) (2014). Most recently, Dr. Ellis published a chapter entitled “[Understanding and Responding to Chinese Activities in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)” in Scott D. McDonald and Michael C. Burgoyne (eds.), *China’s Global Influence: Perspectives and Recommendations* (2019).

Dr. Ellis has served as on the Secretary of State’s Policy Planning Staff (S/P) as the official responsible for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as International Narcotics and Law Enforcement issues.

In his academic capacity, Dr. Ellis presented his work in a broad range of business and government forums in 27 countries four continents. He has given testimony on Latin America security issues to the U.S. Congress on various occasions.

Dr. Ellis has also been awarded the *Order of Military Merit José María Córdova* by the Colombian government for his scholarship on security issues in the region.

He has not testified before the Commission.