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TNI fellow Martin Jelsma (1959) is a political scientist specialised in Latin America and international drugs policy. Joining TNI in 1990, Martin worked initially on a Central American peasant movements project and on the "New Thinking" project looking at transitions of former liberation movements to progressive political parties. In 1995 he initiated and has since co-ordinated TNI's Drugs & Democracy Programme. The programme has two main areas of work: (1) drugs and conflict studies with a focus on the Andean/Amazon region, Burma/Myanmar and Afghanistan, and (2) drug policy dialogue initiatives, with analysis of international drug policy making processes (with special focus on the UN drug control system), facilitation of informal policy dialogues and the production of policy-oriented materials on the key dilemmas emerging. Martin is a regular speaker at international policy conferences and advises various NGOs and government officials on developments in the drugs field. He is co-editor of the TNI Drugs & Conflict debate papers and the Drug Policy Briefing series.

### **Areas of interest**

Illicit Drugs Trafficking & the War on Drugs in Latin America; Democratisation & Demilitarisation in Latin America; Alternative Harm Reduction Policies

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

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