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SPOTLIGHT



CITIZEN RESPONSES TO CORRUPTION SCANDALS

By Brigitte Zimmerman

Brigitte Zimmerman considers several recent research contributions on the effect of information about corruption on citizens' involvement in anti-corruption efforts, showing that citizens respond to information about corruption scandals differently depending on their partisanship and the economic impact of the corruption.

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RESEARCH MARKETPLACE

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Several openings at the International Anti-Corruption Academy

Deadlines: from 10 July to 5 September

The IACA is seeking 2 academic course directors, a full professor, 2 postdoctoral and 2 post-graduate research assistants for collective action, compliance, & (private sector) anti-corruption. There are several other positions advertised on the IACA website.

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CONFERENCE: Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference

1st- 3rd October 2014. Sydney, Australia.

The conference will highlight cutting-edge criminological research, providing a forum for researchers to meet government, business and NGO representatives. The theme this year is "Testing the Edges: Challenging Criminology". *Early bird registration until 28th July.*

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CALL FOR PAPERS: OECD Finance and Enterprise Affairs

Deadline: 1 September 2014

The OECD has issued a call for papers directed at young researchers and PhD students on the topic of how better functioning and fairer stock markets could improve the quality of life as measured by the OECD's Better Life Initiative. [Read call](#)

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CORRUPTION DRIVES THE EMERGENCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Sherief Abdallah et al, Journal of the Royal Society Interface (Jan 2014)

This article demonstrates how citizens' concerns about the misappropriation of common resources can lead to assume to role of overseer of public authorities. Thus corruption, or rather the fear of corruption, helps citizens to overcome the anticipated costs of collective action problems. [Read more](#)

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OTHER MARKETPLACE ITEMS

[WORKSHOP: Financial Crimes Detection, hosted by World Bank \(Washington DC United States 14-18 July\)](#)

[TRAINING: Governance of Extractive Industries, Francophone Africa Knowledge Hub, \(Yaoundé, Cameroon 18th-30th August 2014\)](#)

[COURSE: The Economics of Corruption 2014 \(Passau, Germany, 27th September- 4th October 2014\)](#)

FEATURED CURRICULUM

SUMMER PROGRAMME: “US and International Anti-Corruption Law” at Washington College of Law

This summer course, developed by Professor Keith Henderson in collaboration with the UNODC, ran from the 16th - 19th June 2014. The course is designed as a model programme which can be adopted, edited and offered by any university, government, NGO or business to tailor it to their needs and local context. The course syllabus, hosted on the ACRN, is full of useful information and reading materials.

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URBAN GOVERNANCE IN THE SOUTH: HOW DID BOGOTA LOSE ITS SHINE?

Alan Gilbert, Urban Studies (March 2014)

Gilbert examines the causes of Bogota’s initial progress on anti-corruption reform and the relapse since 2008. He finds that a decent working relationship between technocrats and politicians is crucial in winning public support and cleaning up local governments.

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THE ROLE OF SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Sarker and Rahman, Public Organization Review (April 2014)

This paper explores social accountability as an alternative to conventional accountability mechanisms. It finds that despite great potential, social accountability clashes with socio-economic and political realities in Bangladesh.

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NEWS FROM ANTICORRP



ANTICORRP is a research project between 21 research groups in 16 EU countries funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Program. Its central objective it is to investigate factors that promote or hinder the development of effective anti-corruption policies.

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS

13 countries in the spotlight

Last year, ANTICORRP researchers at the Hertie School published a [report](#) which compared anti-corruption successes and failures across eight global regions. From this report, 13 countries were selected for case studies published last May: [Botswana](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Chile](#), [Costa Rica](#), [Estonia](#), [Georgia](#), [Latvia](#), [Poland](#), [Qatar](#), [Rwanda](#), [South Korea](#), [Taiwan](#), and [Uruguay](#).

Five regions at a glance

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies ([GIGA](#)) and the University College London ([UCL](#)) analysed control of corruption in [five global regions](#): Middle East and North Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Sub-

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DOES CORRUPTION PROMOTE EMIGRATION? AN EMPIRICAL EXAMINATION

Schneider, IZA Discussion Paper No. 8094 (May 2014)

Schneider's article has two major findings. First, emigration of highly-skilled workers increases with higher corruption in their country of origin. Second, migration flow of low- and medium-skilled inhabitants relates to corruption in their home country in a non-linear way - subsiding once a certain threshold of corruption is surpassed.

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OTHER RESEARCH

[PROMOTING, IMPLEMENTING AND NAVIGATING GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS RULES](#)

[GLOBAL CORRUPTION, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND THE UNCAC](#)

[CORRUPTION AND PERSISTENT INFORMALITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: INSIGHTS FROM INDIA](#)

[LOCALISM, INTEGRITY](#)

Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Former Soviet Union. Researchers used the "equilibrium theory" whereby control of corruption is an equilibrium between resources and constraints.

Milestone report

Identifying successes and challenges in the fight against corruption is helpful, but the question of why some countries perform well while others continue to struggle remains. To address this, ERCAS researchers tested the equilibrium model across multiple data sets. [Read more](#)

What's up next? The second volume of the ANTICORRP Anticorruption Report, due to be published in September (the [first volume](#) included a [chapter](#) on developing national corruption risk indicators).

[SYSTEMS AND CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION](#)

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