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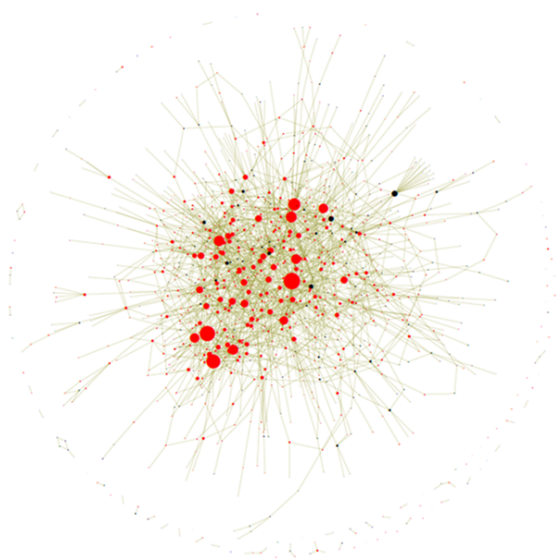ISSUE 18, January 2015

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SPOTLIGHT

From corruption to state capture: a new analytical framework
By Mihály Fazekas and Ágnes Czibik, Corruption Research Center Budapest

A recent paper published by the Corruption Research Center Budapest offers an exciting new take on how to analyse state capture; a term which is widely debated and used, yet has so far largely escaped a precise analytical definition and measurement. The debate around state capture has so far centered on theoretical contributions while empirical studies were scarce and either relied on qualitative data lacking sufficient breath, or survey data lacking sufficient reliability. Using micro-level data on institutionalised grand corruption in public procurement, the authors develop a new conceptual and analytical framework for gauging state capture.
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Video interviews of anti-corruption researchers

In eight video interviews, six anti-corruption researchers talk about their research, what they learned, the new and promising areas of anti-corruption research and give tips to help young researchers interested in this field. You can watch those video interviews on the newly created [ACRN YouTube Channel](#).

Mihaly Fazekas
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RESEARCH MARKETPLACE

CALL FOR PAPERS: EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH (ECPR)

Deadline: 15 May 2015

The ECPR is calling for paper proposals for its 2015 General Conference, to be held in Montreal, Canada, on 26 - 29 August 2015.

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CONFERENCE: 4TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPARENCY RESEARCH

4-6 June 2015. Lugano, Switzerland.

This conference assembles academics, policy makers, and interest group representatives to analyze and discuss the ever-growing reach and impact of the logic of transparency and openness: policies on access to information held by public entities, transparency relationships between organizations, transparency relationships between governments, private and non-profit entities and citizens. Deadline for registration is 31 March 2015.

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CALL FOR PAPERS: ELSEVIER, SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE ON CORRUPTION

Deadline: 31 March 2015

Elsevier calls for papers for a Special Journal Issue on Corruption. Papers using any research methodology on any area related to the study of corruption are welcome. Authors are particularly encouraged to develop public policy options in their manuscripts.

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OTHER MARKETPLACE ITEMS

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NOBODY LIKES A RAT:
ON THE WILLINGNESS TO
REPORT LIES AND THE
CONSEQUENCES THEREOF
E. Reuben & M.
Stephenson (2013)

How do groups react
towards known
whistleblowers in
their midst?
Apparently, they try
to get rid of them.
This study indicates
that even the non-
corrupt individuals
prefer not having
whistleblowers in
their groups.
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CAN CORRUPTION BE
STUDIED IN THE LAB?:
COMPARING A FIELD AND
A LAB EXPERIMENT
O. Armantier & A.
Boly (2008)

Armantier et al. make
an attempt at testing
the external validity
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CALL FOR PAPERS: 2nd International Interdisciplinary Conference of Political Research (Deadline: 31 January 2015)

CALL FOR PAPERS: 1st PSA Specialist Group on Corruption and Political Misconduct Annual Conference (Deadline: 16 February 2015)

The Poznan Declaration

The Poznan Declaration aims at mainstreaming ethics and anti-corruption throughout higher education. It has already been endorsed by several groups/consortium of universities and most recently also by Transparency International. It provides an argument for higher education in joining governments, business and civil society in the global fight against corruption.
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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
In October, ANTICORRP researchers working on social,

of corruption lab experiments.
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POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND CORRUPTION: AN EXPERIMENTAL EXAMINATION OF THE "RIGHT TO RECALL"
S. Mansour, V. Sadiraj & S. Wallace (2014)

Mansour et al. provide clean experimental evidence on the interrelation between the citizens' right to recall officials and corruption levels.
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INDIGNATION OR RESIGNATION: THE IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSPARENCY FOR SOCIETAL ACCOUNTABILITY
M. Bauhr & M. Grimes (2014)

Bauhr et al. consider the conditions under which transparency results in citizen engagement.
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ANTI-CORRUPTION REVOLUTIONS: WHEN CIVIL SOCIETY STEPS IN

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF CORRUPTION AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

BLOG: THE PREMIUM CHOCOLATE BOX, OR WHY CULTURE MATTERS FOR UNDERSTANDING CORRUPTION

THE POLITICAL POWER

legal, anthropological and political approaches to the theory of corruption published a milestone report mapping the existing framework for understanding corruption: *State-of-the-art report on theories and harmonised concepts of corruption.*

Researchers working on the ethnographic study of corruption practices finalized their *Report on Institutional Performance and Corruption*, drawing on ethnographic research undertaken in 8 countries: Bosnia, Kosovo, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Tanzania, Turkey.

Finally in December, ANTICORRP researchers monitoring anti-corruption legislation and enforcement in Europe published their *Background report on international and European law against corruption*.

EVENTS

From October 21-24, the European Research Center for Anti-Corruption and State Building (ERCAS) hosted ANTICORRP researchers in Berlin for their 3rd general meeting. In the coming years, the ANTICORRP project will produce at least one book and two special issues, in addition to the annual policy reports published by Barbara Budrich.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION HELPDESK ANSWERS

The Anti-Corruption Helpdesk is an on-demand research service provided by Transparency International.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION TOPIC GUIDE

STATE CAPTURE: AN OVERVIEW

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN REDUCING CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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ACRN RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION 2014

The winner is Bettina Kuntz, with a submission on the prosecution of grand corruption under international law.
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