

Call for papers
“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Corruption” Workshop
October 16th and 17th, University of Notre Dame, IN.
Submission deadline: June 15, 2019

Corruption has been a major concern for contemporary state-building and development, and is currently at the front of major political changes in several countries and regions. However, there is still very little space for debates on academic work on corruption from an interdisciplinary point of view. This workshop invites scholars from a range of disciplines - including anthropologists, economists, political scientists, and sociologists - to discuss their work and advance a common research agenda on corruption as a social problem. Furthermore, this workshop is conceived as a potential stepping stone for the creation of a network of researchers interested in corruption from different perspectives, which can spark vibrant discussions and future meetings to debate on this polemic and important topic.

We invite faculty, practitioners, and graduate students to present their work at the workshop. We are currently accepting abstracts (approximately 500 words) to present works related to three broad areas:

a) Social mobilization and contentious activism: We have witnessed in the last decades massive protests that included corruption as one of the grievances in Latin America, Europe, and Asia. We invite studies that seek to address, but are not limited to, some of the following questions: How does corruption appear in contentious episodes? What drives anti-corruption mobilization? How can this type of protest impact the behavior of other political actors?

b) Judiciary power, prosecutors, and institutionally embedded activism: Impeachments and corruption scandals always entail the actions of judges, prosecutors, and other actors involved in the judiciary power. How do they affect (or not) these processes? How do they relate to the state and external civil actors? Under which conditions are they more or less successful in promoting anti-corruption reform?

c) Clientelism, policy implementations, and elections: There is a burgeoning literature on how clientelism can affect other areas of political action. How can clientelism be understood in different social and cultural settings? Are there different types of clientelism? What are the consequences of different accounts of clientelism for our understanding of development and democracy?

Because we will have room for three consecutive panels, and want to assure substantial time to discuss each paper, acceptance will be limited; however, based on the number of submissions, we might increase the number of participants. Meals will be provided during the workshop.

Also, the workshop will be held the day before the Sociology of Development Conference, also located at the University of Notre Dame, and workshop participants are encouraged to participate in the main conference as well.

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