

IR 215: Corruption and Good Governance

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Course description: Why does corruption flourish in some countries but not in others? Why do voters elect corrupt politicians? When do anti-corruption reforms succeed and when do they fail? Does the structure of corrupt networks differ in democratic and non-democratic countries? When and how can the Internet be used for combating corruption? This course lays out the foundation

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Staffan Andersson and Paul M. Heywood, The Politics of Perception: Use and Abuse of
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Reliable? A Comparison of Expert Opinion Surveys and Household Surveys in Sub-
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Suggested:

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Part III: Corruption and Elections (Weeks 5-8: February 8-March 1)

A. Background (Week 5: February 8-10)

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B. Elections and Electoral Systems (Weeks 6-8: February 15-March 1)

John M. Carey and Matthew Soberg Shugart,

Electoral Studies 14, no. 4 (April 1995): 417-439.

Miriam A Golden,

Daniel W. Gingerich, Ballot Structure, Political Corruption, and the Performance of Proportional
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Midterm: March 3 (in class)

Part IV: Corruption in Non-Democracies (Week 9: March 15-17)

Sources of Corruption in Authoritarian Regimes at
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Influence," in Arnold Heidenheimer and Michael Johnston, eds., *Political Corruption:
Concepts and Contexts* (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2002).

: Different Legacies of Central
-Ackerman, ed., *International Handbook on the Economics of
Corruption* (Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2006).

Tomas Larsson, Reform, Corruption, and Growth: Why Corruption is More Devastating in
Russia than in China

