

[Call for Papers] Questioning “Corruption”: Comparative Perspectives on Education, Finance and Power

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Within social science the issue of corruption has been addressed primarily from structural and interactional perspectives (Shore and Haller 2005). The former, often reflected in policy discourses on planned development, sees corruption as endemic to certain societies and institutions and as something that can be overcome through supposedly objective models of “good governance” and “transparency.” The latter approaches it as an outcome of deviant behaviour of social actors in blurred domains of the public and the private. These perspectives fail to acknowledge the dominant ideologies and power relations, which condition abilities to define certain acts as being corrupt (Harrison 2006) and the conflicting systems of moral and ethical standards within which debates of corruption are embedded (Gupta 2005). Moreover, they tend to ignore the ways in which the legal/illegal (and the transparent/secret) is intertwined and inscribed into the law of the nation-state (Anders and Nuijten 2007) and is often practiced as a series of tacit codes and practical norms (Blundo and deSardan 2008).

The aim of this research seminar is to critically scrutinize ideas and related practices of what is defined as corruption especially, though not exclusively, in the education sector. It proposes to go beyond the assumption that corruption is simply immoral individual acts and explores it as context-dependent, institutionalized

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phenomenon embedded within wider power relations in society (Anders and Nuijten 2007). This lens enables us to explore the larger issues of social and political interest within which the ideas and practices of corruption are embedded. From a comparative perspective, the seminar will address the following questions:

- How have various formal and informal institutional arrangements viz. school management committees, parent-teacher associations, political interests, and charitable trusts, etc.—that have governed institutions of formal education at various times, contributed to regulate public financial behaviour in given historical contexts?
- How do differently located social actors interpret meanings and measure moral and legal claims, practices and behaviours tied to corruption in the context of local standards and practices?
- What are the methodological and analytical challenges of doing research on corruption?

Important Dates to Remember

Submission deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2020

Notification of paper acceptance: May 31, 2020

Final papers due: September 15, 2020

Conference dates: October 15-16, 2020

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