

Understanding Corruption: causes, consequences, and representations around the world

In policy and research circles, corruption is generally seen as one of the main political and economic challenges in both the Global South and the Global North. We regularly read about corruption in the news, and it is also a recurring subject in a number of television shows, movies, and novels.

In this course students will learn about what is and what isn't corruption, explore its history, causes, and consequences (including approaches that see some positive effects of corruption!), learn about how corruption manifests itself in different parts of the world, and analyze media, cultural, and fictional representations of corruption. In doing so, students will be exposed to an array of different approaches to the study of corruption through a set of guest lecturers from different disciplines.