

"A generation's research and reform experiences have taught us much about corruption, its consequences, and possible approaches to control, but much of that knowledge is scattered across many sources and discussions. *Understanding Corruption* offers a valuable overview and synthesis of what we do – and do not – know, examining major trends in thought and practice while carefully dissecting a variety of cases. It is an essential work for students and teaching, which will help guide the research and debates to come." – Michael Johnston, Charles A. Dana Professor of Political Science Emeritus, Colgate University, USA

"The book leads the reader on a tour around the world to describe in a simple and clear way how corruption operates in practice. The collection of case studies shows that corruption is a global, complex, and context-sensitive phenomenon that does not allow for one-fits-all solutions. Excellent teaching material."  
– Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair, Transparency International

"An important and original book, laying out what corruption is, how it works, and how it should be tackled. I wish it had existed when I was a student."  
– Oliver Bullough, author of *Moneyland: How Thieves & Crooks Now Rule the World & How to Take It Back*

"A crucial collection of essays exploring and deepening understanding about the multitude of ways corruption continues to impact lives across the planet; and how corruption itself has morphed over the decades. Essential reading."  
– John Githongo, *The Elephant* and CEO, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!

Corruption takes many different forms and the systems that enable it are complex and challenging. To best understand corruption, one needs to examine how it operates in practice. *Understanding Corruption* tells the story of how corruption happens in the real world, illustrated through detailed case studies of the many different types of corruption that span the globe. Each case study follows a tried and tested analytical approach that provides key insights into the workings of corruption and the measures best used to tackle it. The case studies examined include examples of corporate bribery, political corruption, facilitation payments, cronyism, state capture, kleptocracy, asset recovery, offshore secrecy, reputation laundering and unexplained wealth, and actors include businesses, governments, politicians, governing bodies and public servants.

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