Symposium on
Institutional Capacity, Corruption, and Development

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Symposium Objectives

The past two decades have witnessed the emergence of an impressive array of academic scholarship on each of the three concepts identified in the title of this symposium. Institutional capacity has become a prominent paradigm among political scientists, development economists, policy analysts, and many of those studying rule of law promotion in fragile, post-conflict, and transitional states. The challenge central to institutional capacity-building is that good governance, respect for rule of law and human rights, and provision of public services all require the development of effective institutions. On the other hand, corrupt and predatory government officials and cumbersome bureaucratic processes may undermine reform efforts. The development field has also evolved from the “Washington Consensus” prescriptions, with the UN’s Millennium Development Goals of 2000 marking a shift from modernization and structural adjustment to poverty reduction and sustainability that has given rise to the current focus on “social entrepreneurship.”

Although each of the three concepts highlighted here have significant implications for the others, the interactional effects of institutional capacity building, development, and corruption are complex and not often examined explicitly. The goal of the symposium is to provide a forum for distinguished academics, policy analysts, government officials, and private sector actors to share their varying perspectives on the dynamic interactions of these concepts. Welcome to the symposium. We look forward to a day of challenging conventional assumptions, exploring provocative ideas, and lively discussions.

Location
Moore School of Business
Lumpkin Auditorium, 8th Floor
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC

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Coordinator: Professor Joel Samuels
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Agenda:

9:00am  Welcome Remarks
Dr. Gordon B. Smith, Director, Rule of Law Collaborative
Dr. Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina

9:15am-10:00am  Opening Remarks
David Seaton, Chairman and CEO, Fluor Corporation

10:00am-10:15am  Break

10:15am-12:00pm  ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR
Moderator: Dr. Peter Brews, Dean, Darla Moore School of Business
Michael A. Sartor, PhD Candidate, Ivey Business School, Western University, Canada
Shruti Shah, Senior Policy Director, Law and Regulation, Transparency International-USA
Kathryn Nickerson, Senior Chief Counsel for International Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce

12:00pm-1:30pm  Break for Lunch

1:30pm-3:00pm  DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INITIATIVES TO COMBAT CORRUPTION
Moderator: Aparna Polavarapu, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law
Matthew Fowler, Senior Integrity Officer, Inter-American Development Bank, Office of Institutional Integrity
Miguel de Figueiredo, Visiting Assistant Professor, Northwestern School of Law
Roger Alförd, Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School

3:00pm-3:15pm  Break
3:15pm-4:45pm  
**Evaluating the Impact of Anti-Corruption Efforts**

*Moderator: Dr. Robert Cox, Director, Walker Institute of International Studies*

Dr. Matt Andrews, Associate Professor, Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

Dr. Stuart Yeh, Associate Professor, Evaluation Studies Program, University of Minnesota

Daniel Schneider, Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University

Dr. Helena Olofsdotter Stensöta, Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Göteborg, Sweden

4:45pm-5:00pm  
**Closing Remarks**

Joel H. Samuels, Deputy Director, Rule of Law Collaborative