

POL355e Corruption and Governance

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

Rampant corruption can cast a shadow on a country's credibility at any stage of its development. Thus, less developed countries may receive less assistance or investments that results in negative outcomes for their citizens' well-being. For developed countries, their credibility suffers and this affects not only their international standing but also their ability to attract investments. With the use of relevant case studies, students will have an opportunity to understand how corruption changes a country's profile and developmental trajectory. They will also be introduced to the various measures governments employ to combat corruption at various levels.

Topics:

- Understanding Corruption
- The coming to prominence of global anti-corruption movement
- Governance regimes and tackling the issue of corruption
- Case Study 1: Controlling Corruption in Denmark
- Case Study 2: Engaging the Public to Control Corruption in Hong Kong
- Case Study 3: Curbing Corruption in India
- Case Study 4: Curbing Corruption in Singapore
- Diverging Paths to Combating Corruption
- An Alternative View to Corruption
- Curbing Corruption: An Impossible Dream?

Learning Outcome:

- Show knowledge of the key arguments with regard to corruption and governance.
- Analyse the rise of the movement against corruption using existing theoretical bearings taught in the course.
- Examine both traditional and contemporary theoretical approaches with regard to the study of corruption and governance to determine their value and relevance.
- Compare and contrast the methods that countries employ to tackle corruption.
- Apply different approaches to the study of corruption and governance.
- Explain why corruption continues to be prevalent even in the face of mounting resistance.
- Discuss plausible ways to deal with corruption taking into account both societal and individual perspectives.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
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PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	20
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	20
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**