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Digital Media, Machine Learning, and Corruption: How the Newest Technological Development Facilitate and Curb Corruption Practices Across the World

This workshop aims to develop a nuanced understanding of how digital media, machine learning, and other types of recent technological developments can simultaneously support anti-corruption efforts and corruption practices. We bring together two strands of research (one regarding how technology can *support* and the other regarding how technology can *subvert* anti-corruption policies and practices) and invite papers linked (but not limited) to one or more of the following questions:

- Which are the methodological challenges of studying digital media, machine learning, and other types of recent technological developments in the framework of corruption and anti-corruption?
- What are the challenges anti-corruption activists face when developing their own digital media platforms, machine learning algorithms, and other technological supports to counter corruption?
- Which types of new challenges civil society actors, governmental agencies, and international organizations face due to the emergent forms of technologically mediated corruption?
- Which are the technological imaginaries that anti-corruption activists, governmental agencies, and international organizations develop about digital media, machine learning, and other types of recent technological developments?
- How do the most recent technological developments change their role according to the specific anti-corruption and/or corruption country context in which they are employed?
- How the use of digital media, machine learning, and other types of recent technological developments can change patterns of corruption and/or anti-corruption efforts?
- How can digital media employment, machine learning, and other types of recent technological developments in the framework of anti-corruption actions foster reactions in the world of corruption, bringing new developments in corruption practices?

We invite papers that employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods research designs. We welcome papers based on empirical research and are open to submissions based on solid theoretical and methodological reflections on the overall workshop's topic as well as policy-based contributions. More info on the workshop can be found at the [ECPR Joint Sessions workshop webpage](#).

For additional information on how to propose a paper see the [ECPR Joint Sessions submissions guidelines](#).

Papers must be submitted via the ECPR submission platform by February the 8th 2021.