



## Conference Announcement

What do we know about corruption in the Americas? What lessons can we learn from the anti-corruption efforts in various countries? How can we teach the next generation of public servants, businesspeople, and social entrepreneurs to break the cycle of corruption?

The sixth **Academia against Corruption in the Americas (ACA)** Conference will be held at the School of Government and Public Transformation (in Mexico City) and online on October 18-20, 2023. As the title suggests, this is a forum for the academic anti-corruption community to share research results and teaching experiences.

The conference has **three main goals**:

1. To enrich and promote multidisciplinary research on corruption and anti-corruption in the Americas.
2. To promote the inclusion of courses or sub-topics on corruption in university curricula.
3. To form a research and teaching network in the Americas.

Simultaneous translation (English and Spanish) will be provided via Zoom.

Register here to attend online or for the simultaneous translation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-qurzsrH9EwOziDpxX5eryIEFjQHvPa>



## 6<sup>th</sup> Academia against Corruption in the Americas Conference Agenda

Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
Academia against Corruption in the Americas

8:30-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-9:30 am	<b>Opening remarks:</b> TBD <b>Welcome message:</b> Bonnie J. Palifka, Director and founder of ACA, Tecnológico de Monterrey
9:30-10:30 am	<b>Keynote address: Joseph Pozsgai-Alvarez</b> Associate Director of the Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program, Osaka University <b>“La deconstrucción de la corrupción y su impacto en los instrumentos de medición”</b> (“The deconstruction of corruption and its impact on measurement instruments”) in Spanish

10:30-10:45 am      Coffee break



## Peer-reviewed sessions

- 10:45 am-12:45 pm **Political Science Perspectives**  
**Moderator: Giovanna Rodriguez-Garcia**  
Diego José Romero, Utah State University, “Bureaucratic Capacity and Political Favoritism in Public Procurement” (English, virtual)  
Stephen Morris, Middle Tennessee State University, “The Persistence of Corruption: Resisting Anticorruption” (English, in person)  
Felipe Torres, University College London, “Information Architecture for Corruption Messaging: Evidence from an Adaptive Experiment” (English, virtual)  
Manuel Núñez, UNED, Madrid, “Corrupción: ampliando el alcance” / “Corruption: Expanding the reach” (Spanish)\*  
Matheus Eduardo Lazari Valencia, UNESP, São Paulo, “O escândalo político do mensalão e o governo Lula (2005-2006)” / “The Mensalão political scandal and Lula’s government (2005-2006)” (Portuguese)\*

12:45-2:00 pm Break

- 2:00-4:00 pm **Public Policy Insights**  
**Moderator: Bonnie J. Palifka**  
Irene Tello Arista, Mihály Fazekas, Central European University, Vienna, “Using machine learning and corruption risks indicators to identify politically exposed firms” (Spanish, in person)  
Margarita Gómez, Oxford University, “Applying Behavioral Science to increase compliance and reports of gifts received by public servants in Mexico” (Spanish)\*  
Guillaume Fontaine, FLACSO Ecuador, “Tackling Corruption in Latin America: An Institutional Approach” (English, in person)



Alejandro Hernández-Luis, FLACSO Ecuador, “Results of the institutionalization of democratic controls on Chilean procurement policy” / “Resultados de la institucionalización de los controles democráticos en la política de compras públicas chilena” (Spanish)\*  
Carlos Rodrigues, FLACSO Ecuador, “Institutionalizing Budget Transparency in a Hostile Environment: Policy Design Evidence from Peru” (Spanish, virtual)

4:00-4:15 pm      Closing observations  
TBD



**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**Academia against Corruption in the Americas**

8:30-9:00

**Registration**

9:00-9:30 am

**Welcome message:** Bonnie J. Palifka, Director and founder of ACA, Tecnológico de Monterrey

9:30-10:30 am

**Keynote address: Fernanda Odilla**

Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

**“Brave New World? Hopes, benefits, and perils of using new technologies in anti-corruption”** in English

10:30-10:45 am

Coffee break

**Peer-reviewed sessions**

10:45 am-12:45 pm

**Transdisciplinary approaches to corruption and anti-corruption**

**Moderator: Stephen Morris**

Alan Gilbert, University College London (UK), “Corruption in Urban Latin America: The Case of Bogotá” (English)\*

Demian Ernesto Iglesias Seifert, University College Dublin (Ireland), “Why are they so different? Perceptions of Corruption in Latin America: A Comparative Study of Argentina and Uruguay” (Spanish, Virtual)

Iyari Rios, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “State capture: notes on studying power groups and the use of public resources for private benefit” / “La captura del estado: apuntes para estudiar grupos de poder y el uso de recursos públicos para beneficio privado” (Spanish, in person)



Edyam Rodríguez, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, “International delegation of authority in the fight against corruption: the case of the CICIG in Guatemala” / “Delegación internacional de autoridad en la lucha contra la corrupción: el caso de la CICIG en Guatemala” (Spanish, in person)

Leonardo Tadeu Soares Mestre, Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie, Sao Paulo, “Development of Technological Mechanisms to Automate Integrity Due Diligence in the Control of Anticorruption in a Telecomms Firm” / “Desenvolvimento de Artefato Tecnológico para Automação em Due Diligence de Integridade no Controle de Anticorrupção em Empresa de Telecom” (Portuguese, virtual)

12:45-2:00 pm

Break

2:00-4:00 pm

### **Anti-corruption Initiatives**

#### **Moderator: Guillaume Fontaine**

Scott Greytak, Transparency International U.S., “Protecting Americans from Foreign Bribery: The Legal Framework Behind the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act” (English, virtual)

Ndirangu Ngunjiri, University of Nairobi (Kenya), “Leveling the Playing Field: Kenya's Legislative Oversight Against Election Corruption in Kenya” (English, virtual)

James Batista Vieira, Maria Daniella de Oliveira Pereira da Silva, Anna Elysa da Silva Lima, and Thaynnara; Universidade Federal da Paraíba, “Public Contracts and Government Innovation Lab” / “Laboratório de Inovação em Contratos Públicos e Governo (LabGov)” (Portuguese, virtual)



Maria Laura Roteta & Laura Elena Mazzaferri,  
Universidad de San Andrés & Fiscalía Federal 1  
(Buenos Aires), “The crime of sextortion: when  
corruption and gender violence cross” / “El delito de  
sextorsión: cuando se cruzan la corrupción y la  
violencia de género” (Spanish, virtual)

Mauricio Iván Weibel, Socolac, Santiago, Chile, “Legal  
and comprehensive assistance initiatives to improve  
security and protection of independent journalism in  
Latin America and the Caribbean, in light of the threats  
involved in reporting corruption, state capture, and  
organized crime” / “Iniciativas legales y de asistencia  
integral para mejorar la seguridad y protección del  
periodismo independiente en América Latina y el  
Caribe, de cara a las amenazas que supone la  
denuncia de la corrupción, la captura del Estado y el  
crimen organizado” (Spanish, virtual)

4:00-4:15 pm

Closing observations



Friday, October 20, 2023  
Academia against Corruption in the Americas

- 8:30-9:00 am **Registration**
- 9:00-9:30 am **Welcome message:** Bonnie J. Palifka, Director and founder of ACA, Tecnológico de Monterrey
- 9:30-10:30 am **Keynote address: Nancy Boswell**  
Founding Director of the *US and International Anti-Corruption Law Program* at the American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL)  
**“The roles of academia in fighting corruption”**  
in English

10:30-10:45 am Coffee break

Academic research on corruption and anti-corruption

- 10:45 am-12:45 pm **Corruption and the Law**  
**Moderator: Ángeles Estrada**
- Roberto Di Cillo, FGV Ethics, Sao Paulo, “Building your own criminal organization” / “Montando sua própria organização criminosa” (English, Virtual)
- Alexey Konov, HSE University, Moscow, “Blind trusts’ as a tool to prevent and resolve conflicts of interest” (English, in person)
- Franco Serra, Birbeck College, University of London, “Crossing Borders: Corruption, Human Rights, and Public Policy” / “Cruzando Fronteras: Corrupción, Derechos Humanos y Política Pública” (Spanish, virtual)
- Elias Santiago Torres Saldaña, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “State Initiatives against Corruption in Ecuador” / “Iniciativas estatales contra la corrupción en el Ecuador” (Spanish, in person)





Pedro Martín Páez Bimos, Universidad de los Hemisferios, Quito (Ecuador), “Problems when Facing Systemic Corruption: Persecution and Results” / “Problemas al enfrentar la corrupción sistémica: persecución y resultados” (Spanish, Virtual)

12:45-2:00 pm

Break

2:00-3:30 pm

### **The criminology of corruption**

#### **Moderator:**

Leopoldo Horacio Giupponi, Oficina Anticorrupción, Buenos Aires, “Corporate Governance of Semi-State Enterprises under the Criminal Responsibility of Legal Persons Law (27.401)” / “La Gobernanza Corporativa de las Empresas de Participación Estatal (EPE) ante la Ley de Responsabilidad Penal de las Personas Jurídicas (Ley 27.401). Especial atención a las Sociedades Anónimas Bajo Injerencia Estatal (SABIE).” (Spanish, in person)

Cecilia Incardona, Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora, Buenos Aires, “The Crime of Transnational Bribery” / “El delito de soborno transnacional” (Spanish, virtual)

Cecilia Incardona, Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora, “Human Trafficking and the Differential Impact of Corruption on Women: The Case of Argentina” / “Trata de personas y el impacto diferencial de la corrupción en las mujeres. El caso de Argentina” (Spanish, virtual)

3:30-4:00 pm

Closing observations

Bonnie J. Palifka, Tecnológico de Monterrey

4:00-7:00

Networking cocktail