

Corruption in Europe and Beyond

Seminar 2: Towards a Taxonomy
and Typology of Corruption

- Taxonomy or typology?

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- 14 Variables
- Rank-ordering types of officials – elected vs. appointed; Presidents and PMs
- Corrupt official's level (high, medium, low)
- Types of corruption – inc. Karklins' (2002 and 2005) three main types and levels (low level administrative corruption; self-serving asset-stripping by officials - inc. during privatisation; state capture by corrupt networks)

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- Scale of corruption – pecuniary value
- Scale of corruption – number of agencies (10x1 or 1x10)
- Scope of corruption (here meaning one-off or iterated)

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- Nature of activity (action vs. omission; latter includes 'turning a blind eye')
- Nature of law-breaking (breaking; bending; interpreting; ambiguous or non-existent legislation)
- Level of predacity (grass-eating vs. meat-eating)

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- Perceived level of greed (for self or a party)
- Potential impact (e.g. life-threatening?)
- Social tolerance of different types of corruption (what is 'normal'?)

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- Involvement with organised crime (violence)
- Close relatives of high-level officials (nepotism? fair?)

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- World Bank's typology of CEE/CIS states, based on two variables:
 - level of state capture
 - level of administrative corruption

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- So can we create either a typology or taxonomy?
- Why should we want to?

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