

CORRUPTION, TRANSPARENCY AND QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT

Different Perspectives **NEW RESULTS**



MAY 9-10 CASTELLÓ DE LA PLANA

OBJECTIVES

In recent years, issues such as corruption, transparency, and quality of government have been gaining momentum, both for the society, in general, as well as in more specific spheres (either academic or professional). Although institutional economics has shown these issues are of paramount importance for both economics and the society in general, given their critical role as either accelerators or barriers for growth, the available empirical evidence suggests that corruption and institutional quality deficits might have a higher impact on economies at earlier stages of economic development.

The 2007/08 financial and economic crisis, and the devastating effects it had in more developed regions, spread the concerns about the relevance of these issues to many other countries, where larger population shares have become more aware of the harmful effects that corruption, lack of transparency and deficits in institutional and government quality have on the economy. Although considering an electoral results' point of view the reactions of some constituencies may be arguable (raise of populisms, etc.), it is undeniable that citizens in many countries are more politically engaged today.

Under these circumstances, this workshop aims to present some recent and relevant contributions to the topics discussed above. To this end, both academics and practitioners from different countries and institutions will address issues related to transparency, corruption and institutional quality. This will be done considering various approaches, methodologies and contexts, as well as different perspectives: local, regional, national and international.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 9

VENUE: MENADOR ESPAI CULTURAL
PLAÇA DE L'HORT DELS CORDERS, 4, 12001 CASTELLÓ

OPENING 16.45-17.00

Emili Tortosa-Ausina (Universitat Jaume I)
Juan Ángel Lafuente (Director of Càtedra Ciutat de Castelló)

FIRST SESSION 17.00-18.30

- Jesús Peiró Palomino (Universitat Jaume I),
“Well-being in European regions. Does government quality matter?”
(co-authors: Andrés Picazo-Tadeo, Universitat de València; Vicente Ríos, Universidad Pública de Navarra).
- Nicholas Charron (University of Gothenburg),
“Cherchez la Femme? Female Representation as an Antidote to Corruption” (co-authors: Monika Bauhr).

COFFEE BREAK 18.30-19.00

PLENARY SESSION 19.00-20.30

- Opening: Excma. Sra. Amparo Marco, Mayor of Castelló.
- Hervé Falciani (Tactical Association):
“Proactive measures to support local economy”.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

VENUE: SALA DE JUNTES
FACULTAT DE CIÈNCIES JURÍDIQUES I ECONÒMIQUES, UNIVERSITAT JAUME I, 12071 CASTELLÓ

FIRST SESSION 9.30-11.30

- José Luis Zafra (Universidad de Granada),
“Comparing methodological alternatives in the evaluation of transparency. Application to the Andalusian municipalities” (co-authors: Antonio M. López-Hernández and Juan Carlos Garrido Rodríguez).
- Isabel Narbón (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona),
“Local development and efficiency: lessons from a quality of government perspective” (co-authors: M. Teresa Balaguer-Coll, Jesús Peiró-Palomino, Emili Tortosa-Ausina, Universitat Jaume I).
- Pierre-Guillaume Méon (Université Libre de Bruxelles, ULB), “Are politicians at higher levels of government perceived as more corrupt?” (co-author: Abel François, University of Lille, LEM CNRS).

COFFEE BREAK 11.30-12.00

SECOND SESSION 12.00-13.30

- Andreas Kyriacou (Universitat de Girona),
“Decentralizing Public Procurement and Governance in Europe: Evidence from Local Governments” (co-author: Oriol Roca-Sagalés, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).
- Christian Bjørnskov (Aarhus University),
“Corruption, Judicial Accountability and Inequality: Unfair Procedures May Benefit the Worst-Off” (co-author: Niclas Berggren, Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm).

CLOSING REMARKS 13.30-13.45:

Honorable Sr. Manuel Alcaraz, Conseller de Transparència, Responsabilitat Social, Participació i Cooperació, Generalitat Valenciana).

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