



LEGAL MEASURES AGAINST CORRUPTION IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: PRINCIPLES, POLITICS, PROSPECTS

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Across the globe, the perception is that corruption is on the rise. At the same time, objectively speaking, these past two decades have witnessed more legal measures against corruption across a broad spectrum of the global community than at any other period in the history of modern public administration. Clearly, this is a contradictory development.

This conference seeks to explore the various dimensions of this contradiction within the following tripartite thematic framework:

1. ***The Principles of Legal Measures:*** civil vs. criminal models of anti-corruption measures; principles of legislation; domestic vs. international measures; merits and drawbacks of models; comparative analysis of models of legal control, e.g. countries in transition (such as Russia) vs. the developed or developing world.
2. ***The Politics of Legal Measures:*** the nature of legal anti-corruption measures, namely, legislation, procurement rules, due process, anti-corruption agencies, etc.; domestic and international politics of corruption; the amenability of corruption to legal measures; comparative and sociological approaches to corruption control; theories of corruption and their application to developing world contexts; demand vs. supply sides of corruption or local and international dimensions of corruption; objective conditions vs theory; legal instrumentalism; pathologies of law as an instrument of social change.
3. ***The Prospects of Legal Measures:*** the historical relevance of legal anti-corruption measures; comparative trajectories – Africa, Asia, Latin America and the developed world: convergence vs. divergence; conditions for the effectiveness of legal measures; the role of Non-Governmental Organizations and

civil society groups; efficacy of legal measures – how to measure success or failure of legal measures; positivist and constructivist perspectives; empirical approaches; perception vs. reality; the recovery of stolen assets – theory vs practice.

Paper proposals/abstracts that centre on any of the questions or themes above are invited for consideration. Proposals, in electronic format, and no longer than 250 words, should be addressed to the conference organizers at cformic@uwindsor.ca or pocheje@uwindsor.ca , preferably by **July 15, 2010**.

For more information about the conference, please visit the conference website at <http://cms3.uwindsor.ca/legalmeasures-corruption/> . Please direct all inquiries to Cristina Formicuccia, Administrative Assistant, Special Projects, at 519.253.3000 ext. 2959 or cformic@uwindsor.ca .

There is a limited amount of funds available, to participants whose proposals have been accepted, for assistance with travel and/or hotel accommodation. Priority will be given to participants from the developing world. Please indicate your need for assistance in your proposal.

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