

EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

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Abstract

Several anti-corruption initiatives have been implemented around the world. Although it is important to note that anti-corruption strategies and policies reflect the countries' perceived needs, their level of economic development, and their social and political structures, recent efforts to prevent corruption target similar areas across the different countries. Thus, generally speaking, the various strategies to prevent corruption address integrity, effective procedures and transparent rules. Also, the demand for the accountability of political leaders and the transparency of political parties has begun to trigger reform in those areas. Finally, private business has also become a focus of anti-corruption reform: besides being object of state oversight, this sector has started its own initiatives to curb corruption.

During my speech I will introduce these three broad categories (prevention of corruption in the public sector by the means of administrative reforms and modernization programs, prevention of corruption in the political sphere, and curbing of corruption in the private sector by the means of enforcement and partnership strategies) and I will refer to their main strengths and weaknesses both from a theoretical and an empirical perspective (that is, I will explain some real examples that show success of failure).

Biography of Presenter

Mila Gascó-Hernández holds a MBA and a Ph. D. in public policy evaluation (Award Enric Prat de la Riba granted to the best Ph. D. thesis on public management and administration, given by the Escola d'Administració Pública de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain). She is a senior analyst at the International Institute on Governance of Catalonia (Barcelona, Spain) and an associate professor at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Open University of Catalonia, Spain). She has a wide teaching experience (she worked as a full professor in the Rovira i Virgili University in Tarragona, Spain) as well as a broad researching experience. She has taken part in numerous national and international seminars, she has published both in Spanish and English and she has supervised some Ph. D thesis. She has collaborated with several institutions such as the provincial government of Barcelona (Diputació de Barcelona), the World Bank Development Gateway, the United Nations Program for Development, the University of Hull in United Kingdom, the Mayor's Office in Valencia (Venezuela) or the Governments of Brazil and Dominican Republic. Her main interests are related to public policies that allow the transition of a society to the so-called knowledge era (in particular she is interested in e-government and e-governance), to the use of ICTs for human development and to public policy evaluation.