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HAMBURG POLITICAL SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES – HPS³

INVITATION

Please be invited to the Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series - HPS³ in Summer Semester 2025.

The HPS Seminar Series features international speakers presenting cutting-edge research in empirical political science and political economy. It takes place on Thursdays and Wednesdays. For further information about dates and speakers in SuSe 25 please refer to the [HPS³ Website](#).

We welcome on

June 18, 2025 12:15-13:45 CET in VMP9 A315

[Miriam Golden](#) (Stanford University)

Title: Corruption as a Shared Dilemma: Survey Evidence from Legislators and Citizens in Three Countries

Co-authored with Matteo Ferroni and Raymond Fisman

Abstract:

We collect information about tolerance for corruption from legislators and citizens using parallel surveys. In Colombia, Italy, and Pakistan both groups respond similarly to hypothetical scenarios involving tradeoffs between, for example, probity and efficiency. We find that citizens and legislators view corruption as undesirable but prevalent: that is, both groups believe politicians would generally select the corrupt option in each scenario. Politicians, unlike citizens, believe they would be exposed and prosecuted if they engaged in corrupt activities. Our novel descriptive data also reveal that most legislators accurately perceive public opinion about corruption and appreciate its importance to voters. An informational treatment successfully realigns the views of the subset of politicians who underestimate the public's perceptions of corruption. Overall, results suggest that barriers to effective anti-corruption policies may not lie with lack of information by legislators.

We invite everyone interested to attend!